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Hamilton students to take part in Albany rally

Protest aimed at stopping Pataki budget cuts

By Joseph Saponaro '96
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On Monday, February 27, students from New York's colleges and universities will march in Albany to protest Governor George Pataki's proposed budget cuts to tuition assistance programs. The Student Assembly, Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and other Hamilton organizations have supported and publicized this event on campus. The SUNY schools, which face a 40 percent increase in tuition due to the cuts, are sponsoring the event; over ten thousand students from Hamilton, the SUNY and CUNY system, Syracuse, Cornell, and elsewhere are expected to be present.

Christine Johnson, the head of HEOP at Hamilton, expects that students will confront legislators and give speeches on the state house steps. She also hopes that students can meet with lobbyists and state representatives.

During lunch on Thursday, Student Assembly President Andrew Edelson, Director of Multicultural Affairs Kerry Sethi, and others involved in the organization of the protest continued to encourage students to participate by attending the rallies and writing petitions to Governor Pataki. The Student Assembly suggested a classtime letter-writing campaign to students and faculty earlier in the week; organizers regret that people were mostly unresponsive to this idea.

Today at 4 p.m. there will be a

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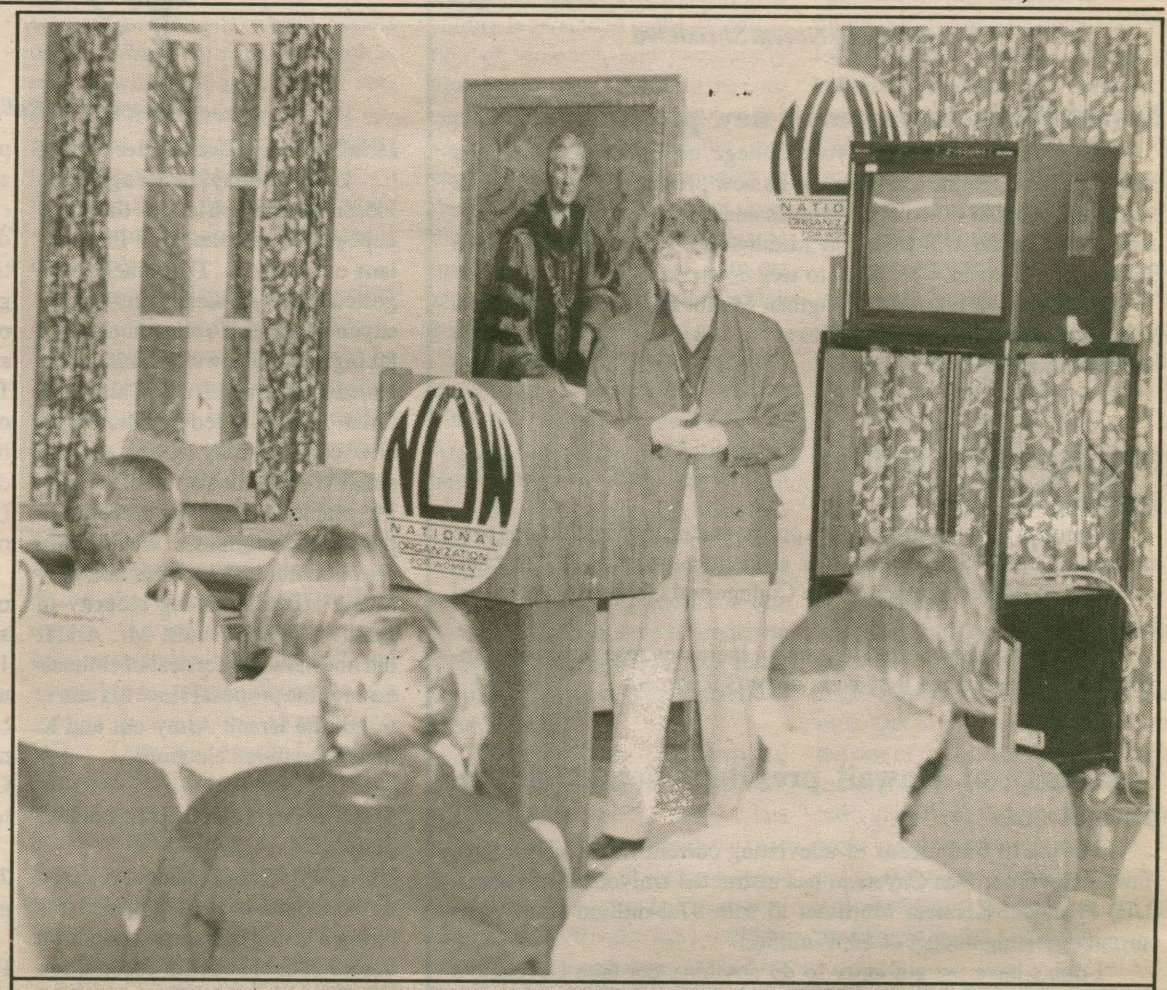

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Rosemary Dempsey, Vice President of Action of the National Organization for Women, addressed Hamilton community on the issue of violence against women.

The Academic Honor Code : Most accept it as established aspect of College life

By Gabriel Meyer '96
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Hamilton's Honor Code, a long standing fixture of the College dating from the beginning of this century, continues to draw favor from most faculty members and students. Under the Honor Code, all matriculating Hamilton students sign a pledge to abide by its provisions, which forbid cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty.

The Honor Code allows students to take exams without faculty supervision while placing upon them responsibility for reporting all violation of the code.

Most students do not come in violation of the Honor Code during their four years at Hamilton, though every semester, five to eight students are suspected and tried by the Honor Court.

"The Honor Code is just as important as a low student/teacher ratio," said Honor Court Chair Sarah Heckel '95. "Students should have a sense of responsibility to the Hamilton intellectual community."

Penalties for those found in violation of the Honor Code may range from a warning without a transcript notation for first time offenders to expulsion from Hamilton for repeat violators.

Associate Dean of Students for Academic Affairs James Bradfield, describing the rationale for the Honor Code, said, "We want to encourage honesty, but beyond that, a school that operates with an honor code has an entirely different sort of academic atmosphere than a school that does not."

He described a violation of the Honor Code as "an insidious thing that corrodes the atmosphere."

According to Bradfield, most Honor Code violations involve plagiarism, but cheating on exams is a close second and is gaining ground. Last semester, one student was expelled after being found guilty by the Honor Court of a violation.

Bradfield and Heckel decide together which cases of suspected academic fraud will be tried by the honor court and write the rationales for all

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NOW Vice President visits Hamilton campus, addresses students in Thursday afternoon lecture

By Jacob Stetser '98
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Rosemary Dempsey, Vice President of Action of the National Organization for Women, spoke about violence against women Thursday afternoon in Dwight Lounge. She will be touring New York in order to gain support for the NOW rally April 9th in Washington, D.C. Dempsey has served since 1990 as Vice President of Action for NOW.

The speech began with a five minute video on the 1992 NOW rally for reproductive rights. In 1992, over 750,000 people gathered in Washington, to convince a conservative Congress to allocate 1.6 billion dollars to combat violence against women, and to raise public awareness of the issues. Several celebrities appeared in the video, including Matthew Broderick and Molly Ringwald, and another rally participant said of American rights: "If a woman has no right to determine what she does with her body, nobody has any rights."

The motif of NOW's fight is "We Won't Go Back," referring to their belief that the conservative agenda is to roll back America to the days before unions, before environmentalism, before the African-American civil rights movement, and before all civil movements built upon those.

The April 9 rally will be accompanied by a national clothesline

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Two Hamilton students arrested by Kirkland Police on charges of marijuana possession

By Meghan Hallock '98
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Last Thursday, February 16, two Hamilton first-year students were arrested by the Kirkland Police and Campus Safety. According to Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls, the students were charged with possession of marijuana. The arrests were made in the early evening.

The two male students, whose names have been withheld by request of the Kirkland Police, are residents of Kirkland Residence Hall, where the incident took place. The exact nature of the charges against them has not been released to the public. Officer Cresswell, of the Kirkland Police Department, stated that the violations are under investigation. The investigation is expected to be completed next week.

The students were detained at police headquarters for several hours as they went through the arrest procedure. They were each issued desk appearance tickets and will have a hearing in March.

In addition to the court hearing for violation of federal law, the students will also face a Judicial Board hearing. The Judicial Board handles cases at Hamilton, when students have allegedly broken school policy.

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--compiled by Naeem Sheikh '96

Mount Holyoke names its new president

Last Thursday, Mount Holyoke College, nation's oldest women's college, named Joanne Creighton as its new president. Dr. Creighton, a strong proponent of women's studies and currently the acting president of Wesleyan University in Middletown (Conn.), will replace Elizabeth T. Kennan, who plans to step down on June 30.

Dr. Creighton hopes to strengthen Mount Holyoke's liberal arts program and build women's studies at the 158 year old college, which currently enrolls 1,900 students. *(NY Times)*

Administrative salaries increase at public and private schools

Administrative salaries at both public and private institutions rose during the 1994-95 academic year at identical rates of 4.2 percent, according to figures released by the College and University Personnel Association (CUPA).

CUPA officials reported that salary increases rose this year compared to last year, when they went up by 3.9 percent. *(NSNS)*

University of Hawaii president details severe budget cuts

In trying to find means of alleviating current financial burdens, Hawaii Governor Ben Cayetano has instructed University of Hawaii (UH) President Kenneth Mortimer to trim $7.2-million from UH's current operating budget of $359-million.

"I don't have the authority to do anything but take Cayetano's budget cuts," Mortimer commented while visiting UH-Hilo campus.

The current budgetary constraints resulted from the state's revenue deficiency of some $250-million. The burden on the UH school system, the fourth largets state department, will be a projected $35-milion over the next two and a half years.

Mortimer urged students to take their case to the state legislature and Governor. He also noted that student attendance at state higher education meetings has been scant. "Where are the students?" he asked. "Nobody shows up for these hearings. There is not much in the way of an organized voice here." *(NSNS)*

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News Briefs from around the World

--compiled by Ralitsa Petkova '98

Israel agrees to ease border closing

Last Saturday, Israel agreed to loosen border restrictions that have kept many thousands of Palestinians out of work. The Israelis suggested that the Palestinians rapidly expand their self-rule authority by taking over the town of Jenin, in the North of the West Bank. The Palestinian Authority led by Mr. Arafat now controls only Gaza and the small West Bank district of Jericho. Mr. Rabin said he was prepared to put the Palestinians in charge only of the municipal services and economic affairs, keeping security in Jenin in Israeli hands. Mr. Arafat did not show a great deal of enthusiasm for the proposal since his aim is to get the Israeli Army out and to hold Palestinian elections.

Serb leader rejects U.S.-backed proposal

The Serbian President rejected an American-backed proposal offering a lifting of trade sanctions on Serbia in exchange for recognition of Bosnia and Croatia. Mr. Milosevic's position reflects the overwhelming conviction of most people in Serbia who would see the recognition of Croatia and Bosnia as the betrayal of the more than one million Serbs who have fought to change the borders of those countries. The offer, prepared by the United States, Britain, France, Germany and Russia, appeared farfetched from its beginning since the Serbian president had consistently said that the status of the Serbs holding 70 percent of Bosnia and 30 percent of Croatia must be resolved before any recognition of the two countries is possible.

Registration of all guns proposed in Canada

Reacting to increasing urban violence, the Canadian Government proposed mandatory registration of all firearms and a ban on small, easily concealed handguns known as Saturday night specials. Under the legislation, introduced in Parliament by the governing Liberal Party, possession of an unregistered weapon could mean a prison sentence of up to five years. The bill was met with unusually strong opposition by the gun owners' lobby, but the Firearms Act is likely to become law nonetheless, because of the Liberals' majority in the lower house of Parliament.

Canada has banned fully automatic assault weapons since 1978 and semiautomatic weapons since 1991. A largely drug-related rise in urban violence has increased a sense of personal insecurity for many Canadians, a key element in the Government's decision to get even tougher on gun control.

24,000 dead in Chechnya, rights group tells Yeltsin

A preliminary report by the President's commission on human rights, based on interviews with 500 Chechen refugees, suggested that as many as 24,000 civilians have died since the bloody war in the separatist republic began on Dec.11, 1994. The figure was questioned by the head of the Russian human rights commission, Sergei Kovalyov, who said that although the exact number of dead is not known, it could be as high as 30,000.

The timing of the human rights report was particularly embarrassing for President Boris Yeltsin, who is trying to persuade President Clinton not to cancel a trip to Russia in May. Mr. Clinton has been under heavy pressure in Congress to delay his visit until the Chechen conflict is resolved.

There was no official comment from the Russian Government on the civilian death toll estimate.

Sources : *New York Times*.

National News Briefs

--compiled by Naeem Sheikh '96

Tornado strikes in Alabama

A tornado struck the towns of Arab and Joppa in Alabama last Thursday and left three people dead and more than 100 injured in its wake. The dead were residents of Arab, a town of 6,300 people, and included a 5-year old child. The tornado then moved to northeast of Arab where it destroyed seven poultry houses and killed 50,000 chickens, before it disappeared.

Four Army Ranger trainees die in chilly Florida swamp

Four soldiers died of hypothermia while training in chilly swamp waters of Florida, just days before they were supposed to complete the grueling two-month Army Ranger school. The incident, which occurred on 16 February, prompted the halting of Ranger training until Army investigators determine what happened in the swamp near the Eglin Air Force Base.

Ferguson convicted of Long Island train massacre

Colin Ferguson was convicted of murder in the 1993 Long Island train shootings that killed six people and wounded 19. The verdict, which was announced last Friday, was greeted enthusiastically by relatives of shooting victims and survivors of the bloodbath. Ferguson, who represented himself in court and refused an insanity defense, was convicted of six counts of second-degree murder and 19 counts of attempted murder.

Myrlie Evers-Williams replaces William Gibson as NAACP chief

The board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People voted on Saturday 18 February to replace NAACP chairman Dr. William F. Gibson. By a vote of 30 to 29, the board elected Myrlie Evers-Williams to be the next chairperson. She is the widow of Medgar Evers, a former NAACP official who was murdered in Mississippi in 1963.

Dr. Gibson, who had held the position since 1985, had recently come under increasing criticism for his alleged mishandling of NAACP funds and diverting of the organization's money for his personal use.

Source : *The New York Times*.

Weekend Weather

Saturday: Fair. Lows 10 to 20.
Highs 20 to 30.
Sunday: Chance of snow. Lows 15 to 25.
Highs 25 to 35.

Price of Canned Soda to Increase

Worldwide aluminum prices have increased 80% since January 1994. As a result, the price for canned soda in campus vending machines will increase from $.65 to $.70 effective March 1995. The commission earned from machines in student areas goes to fund student activities. After discussions with the student Residential Life Committee, the decision was made to increase the cost of the soda rather than reduce the amount of commission received. Prices for bottled drinks, coffee and snacks will remain the same.

News Briefs

compiled by the news staff

Psi U brothers move back home

Members of the Psi Upsilon fraternity moved back into their house yesterday following installation of a new boiler, according to House Manager Ken Picariello '97. They had been forced to move out of their house two weeks ago after the house's main boiler, responsible for providing heat, broke down and could not be repaired. All of the approximately 25 brothers living in the house were forced to seek alternative accommodations while the fraternity remained vacant.

An open flame was used to temporarily heat the house and prevent weather related damage. However, high levels of carbon monoxide created by the flame forced the evacuation.

Vandalism runs rampant on campus over weekend

Campus security reported this week that numerous cases of vandalism occurred over this past weekend. Patricia Ingalls, director of Campus Security, said that alcohol was suspected in many of the incidents. She also noted that there was an abnormally large number of problems over the weekend.

According to security, severe damage was done to the only photocopy machine on the Kirkland side of campus. Damage to the library entrance door was also reported. Both the photocopier and the library door have had to be replaced, due to extensive and irreparable damage. The extent of the cost to the college is unknown.

In addition, a fire alarm was pulled in Dunham residence hall, a telephone was thrown through a window in North dorm, an Adirondack chair was stolen from the winter porch in Beineke, and several light fixtures were broken in several locations around campus.

Phi Beta Kappa announces new members

Phi Beta Kappa announced its 1995 inductees this week, recognizing their high academic achievement in fulfilling the coals and purposes of the College. Phi Beta Kappa is a nationally recognized honor society in which Hamilton has sponsored the Epsilon of New York Chapter since 1870. The ten inductees from the class of 1995 are: Greta Alter, Sarah DeMarchi, Janet Eanes, Laura Engelhardt, Rebecca Kemnitz, Theodore Monoson, Todd Moore, Michael Olivo, Christine Shuart, and Steven Wrzesinski.

Jawanza Kunjufu speaks on racism

Last Thursday, February 16, Jawanza Kunjufu spoke in the Chapel about "The Costs of Racism." He began by stating that only 43% of African-American students graduate from college and that this must be raised through more consistent class attendance and studying, and most importantly cooperative learning.

His next point was that the Hamilton experience enforces the myth of the world minority. Of 6 billion people in the world, 80% are of color. So, he asks, how can they be considered a minority? Kunjufu proposed that since there are more African-Americans with degrees in the U.S. than any other country in the world, they must live, work, and invest in their communities.

He went on to dismantle several myths about welfare (of 35 million recipients, 23 million are white and 24 million black and latino), and drug use (76% of users are white). Kunjufu also showed that there are 746,000 black males in prison, costing $18,000 - $38,000 each year, but only 517,000 black males in college, costing around $15,000 per person.

He believes that racism does not exist because of inferiority, because if inferiority actually existed, there would be no need for racism. He thinks it is a fear of difference, an insecurity that causes racism and that we must realize exactly what we are saying when we use racist terms such as Third World, culturally-deprived, and classics.

Lecture and discussion :

"Racism in 20th Century France"

by M. David Chireau
8 P.M. on Saturday, 25 February,
in the Red Pit.

NOW speaker in Thursday lecture focuses on violence against women

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project. Dempsey explained that the clothesline project collected t-shirts from women who have been victims or survivors of violent crime, such as rape or wife-beating. A small version of the Clothesline Project appeared at Hamilton last semester. NOW is hoping to display at least ten thousand shirts on the mall, along with having hundreds of thousands of participants.

Dempsey claimed that the 1995 rally would be the first time in Washington that a mass rally would be coming together specifically against the culture of violence against women, "to make a loud and impressive statement against the conservative agenda." She charged that the conservative Congress had given all America's problems feminine faces, citing the slang terms "welfare queen," "Latina" (in reference to illegal immigration), "femiNazi", and even "bitch," whose definition she gave as "Being In Total Control Herself." Dempsey asserted that the term was the most often used during violent crimes against women, because it infuriates men who think that "women are a class of people who are not supposed to be in control."

Dempsey asked the audience to think of violence against women not as crime of anger or passion, but as a systematic strategy used to control and divide. She then said, "This culture is grounded in the glorification of violence, and particularly violence by men," defining the concept of maleness as the ability to use violence effectively, and the concept of femaleness to remaining in the proper position. She went on to discuss the evolution of polydeistic male and female religions into the modern single-deity religions which center around a male god.

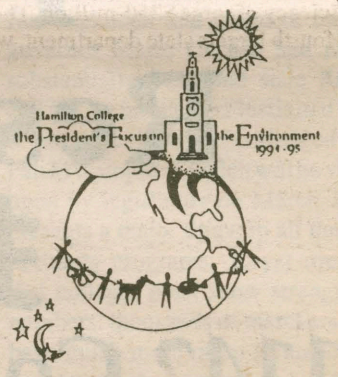
Dempsey traced the modern movement of feminism back to 1966-67, when, as she believed, America didn't hear anything about battered women. Now, four women are killed per day, by their husbands and lovers. Every twelve seconds a woman is injured very seriously by a violent, gender-inspired crime. She contends that violence is hindering at least half the people in this country from exercising their constitutional rights.

Citing a victory for women, the 1994 Violence Against Women Act, which was passed as part of last year's crime bill, Dempsey told the audience that now, if a person could prove a violent crime had been gender-based, civil rights laws could be used against the attacker in the pursuit of justice. She lamented the Republican's gains in the last election, calling the Contract "On" America another expression of institutionalization and acceptance of violence against women. She urged Hamilton students and community members to attend the rally, saying, "We have to go to Washington because the level of scapegoating and woman-hating has been elevated out of all proportions."

Dempsey noted that every social movement in this country has been met with backlash and violence, and she perceived the backlash against the women's movement to be due to it's far-reaching effects. The women's movement has more potential, she thinks, than any other civil rights movement in United States history, to change every aspect of life, of politics, of business, and of relationships.

She finished her speech with what she called "a disturbing message" from a recent book about gang rape. Out of all the rapes in the book, not one of the men in the room during the crime protested to the rape. Yet individually, each of them would not have committed such a crime. Finally, she urged everyone in attendance to travel in April to D.C. to participate in the 1995 rally.

Watch this space for your name. This week's t-shirt winners are: Brett Hull (faculty) and R. Tyler Hodgson ('96). *T-shirts will be available for sale at each event. Winners should pick up their shirts at the next event or from Prof. Hilke Kayser in K-J 250.*



The President's
Focus on the Environment

The third in this series of presentations will be:

"The Environmental Movement and Environmental Careers - an Alumni Panel"

Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. - Events Barn - Beinecke

Panelists will include: Neal A. Brown ('58) - an attorney with the law firm, Greenfield, Eisenberg, Stein and Senior, NYC; Mark Ebbin ('83) - Special Assistant to the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior; Paddy McGuire ('81) - Special Assistant to the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior and Director of the Executive Secretariat; and Than Ryland ('86) - Director, Montana Environmental Program, Patagonia Inc.

Environmental Art on Display

Works by environmentally conscious artists will be on display in the Emerson Gallery March 3 - April 9, 1995. "Listening to the Earth: Artists and the Environment" features 22 paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, and mixed-media installations by New York City-area artists Janet Culbertson, Alan Gussow, Maren Hassinger, Gillian Jagger, Bobbi Mastrangelo, and Karen Shaw. For more information call the Gallery office, 859-4396.

Issues addressed will be: how to make environmental progress in a conservative political climate, as well as ways to pursue a career in this field. Mr. Brown specializes in environmental law; Mr. Ebbin has worked extensively on natural resource issues, including the spotted owl controversy; Mr. McGuire has special expertise in the politics of environmental issues, having dealt with environmental politics in Washington and in his home state of Oregon; Mr. Ryland works for an environmentally conscious for-profit company, and has also worked with not-for-profit organizations such as the Audubon Society.

Think globally -Act locally

Faculty offer opinions on pending Residential Life Study results, feel that reasons behind all decisions should be explained

By Joe November '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Recently, there has been much agitation and speculation about the upcoming decision on the results of the Residential Life Survey. Beside the student body, the faculty also participated in the survey and also will be affected by the results of the survey. Several faculty members were interviewed about their opinions of the survey and about what they thought the effects of the survey would mean for the college's future.

Although the private society issue is the most heavily debated part of the Res. Life Survey, faculty members expressed concerns over several other parts of the survey. The most notable such section of the survey involves the future role of professors in student/faculty relations. The results of this particular section of the survey indicate that students wish to spend more time interacting with their professors than they do currently.

On the subject of student-faculty relations, the general consensus amongst those interviewed was that forced conditions, such as setting up meeting lounges for students and faculty members to congregate in, would not work in the long run. Professor Rand Carter mentioned that past attempts to bring together students and faculty by providing them with a meeting place ultimately did not work. Most of the lounges set aside for the purpose of encouraging student-faculty mingling have been converted into either dormitory rooms or faculty offices.

Another common perspective of the faculty on student-faculty relations is that forcibly improving the relations is not a realistic goal for the college. Professors cited a lack of free time rather than not wanting to converse with the student body as the main reason for not spending more time interacting with students. Professor Esther Kanipe said on the subject, "Students often fail to realize that we [the faculty] put in many hours preparing for classes and many more hours grading exams and papers." Professors also attributed much of the lack of student-faculty interaction to general student apathy. The faculty interviewed did, however, desire an even stronger relationship with the student body but feel that forcing the two groups to converge is not the solution to the problem.

Faculty members also expressed concerns dealing with the ramifications of the upcoming private society decision. Although the vast majority of Hamilton College's faculty firmly seeks to remove private societies from campus for a variety of reasons, some members have doubts as to what will happen to Hamilton's social structure should societies disappear. One concern expressed by Professor of Art Rand Carter, a faculty member who is against the removal of private societies from Hamilton, is, "Once private societies are gone, there will be a void and whatever fills that void cannot be guaranteed to be a good thing." For instance, both faculty members and students fear a potential surge in drunk-driving incidents due to students drinking off campus should private societies be removed from campus. On the heated debate over the existence of private societies, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology John Yost, commented, "The private society issue should not be viewed as an isolated issue, it should be interpreted in context with all of the other campus issues." Other professors complained that many students are ignoring the broader issues that contribute to the private society debate and that students are being close-minded about the matter.

The aspect of the survey which many faculty felt was most important was that the students and faculty should be informed of the reasoning behind any decisions made in the upcoming weeks. Most faculty members felt that the school was moving in the right direction by conducting such a survey but only after the final results of the survey are made public will the Hamilton community know whether the survey was truly worthwhile.

While Colgate students vote down honor code proposal, code remains popular at Hamilton

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decisions handed down by the Court. In addition to Bradfield and Heckel who do not vote on cases, the Court has ten voting members, seven of whom are students.

"The Honor Court holds a very high standard for reasonable doubt. We don't take cases to the Honor Court unless we are fairly certain of a conviction," said Bradfield.

Drive for honor code comes up short at Colgate

At Hamilton's nearby neighbor, Colgate University, a proposal for an honor code was recently voted down by the student body. In the election in which 60 percent of student participated, 40 percent voted in favor of an honor code.

"Students felt it would be an additional burden they would have to take on. . . which was disappointing," said Colgate's Associate Dean of Students Alan Glos. He noted that the proposed honor code had been under consideration for more than a year leading up to the vote last fall.

Some professors, noted Glos, act as if an honor code does exist and give unproctored exams. Their authority to do so comes from the Code of Student Conduct which states in part that, "Colgate expects that its students will not lie, steal, cheat or engage in any other dishonest behavior intended to inflict physical or emotional harm on another person."

However, students who need to take makeup exams at home following the end of classes must be proctored and therefore most take their exams under the supervision of a high school teacher, guidance counselor, or other approved authority.

Honor Code draws favor from Hamilton professors

"I don't hear from my colleagues that there's a lot of cheating going on," said Associate Professor of Economics Erol Balkan. "I haven't had any problem in terms of exams."

In one incident several years ago, several students reported that there had been cheating on one of Balkan's exams. However, because they would not identify themselves, the case could not be taken forward in the Honor Court. After looking over the exams, Balkan said he could find no signs of cheating, although he noted that the students accused of cheating had done very poorly.

As a graduate student, Balkan once taught a course, "Political Economy of the Middle East," in an academic setting without an honor code. "It's not pleasant for instructors," he said. "Students are not very comfortable when instructors walk all over the place."

Balkan added that Hamilton's honor code works here "as well as any place."

"A faculty member doesn't know if it's effective," said Professor of Sociology Dan Chambliss. "I don't know what the real prevalence of cheating is."

"I think we could take it more seriously," He described two incidents which took place when he was a student at a prep school with an honor code. In one incident, a student was forced to publicly apologize to the entire school for cheating on an exam and in the other, a senior was expelled for stealing a library book.

Chambliss suggested that while Hamilton does not need to institute draconian measures to enforce the honor code, violations should be publicized, with the names of offenders withheld.

He said he was personally aware of two repeat violators of the honor code. One of them was a student in one of his classes. He reached an agreement with the student that the violation had resulted from a misunderstanding. But, the next semester, the student was tried in the Honor Court for a similar violation in a different class.

"It's really depressing to hear about someone doing it twice," said Chambliss. "Not only does it say they're dishonest, but that they are aggressively dishonest.

"I suspect a a large number of students lie to their professors about why they hand in their papers late or miss class," he commented, noting that dishonesty of this sort is not covered under provisions of Hamilton's Honor Code.

However, he emphasized that he has very rarely encountered cheating in any of his classes and he believes that cheating among all Hamilton students remains low.

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Asian New Year celebrated with fanfare at Hamilton

By Nahid Rahman '96
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Members of the Hamilton community celebrated the advent of the Asian New Year with a lion dance parade and a variety show. Even though different countries in Asia follow different calendars, Asian students at Hamilton organized a single ceremony with themes from several Asian countries to mark the advent of the New Year, the Year of the Boar according to Chinese way of naming years after animals.

The festivities were kicked off by the dragon dance parade that afternoon. The paraders carried a huge lion mask, flags of the Beijing Opera and drums and gongs. The parade started at Bristol Campus Center, circled the main quad, went around Dunham, Milbank, and Minor Residence Halls before returning to the Events Barn.

Other events of the day included a variety show in the Barn with an Asian theme held at 7:30 p.m. It was sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Asian Cultural Society and the Department of East Asian Languages and Literature. The show began with Amy Fung's instrumental rendition of a Chinese tune.

This was followed by Matt Kane's captivating violin playing. Kane, with Alan Lee '95 on the guitar, played a traditional Chinese folk tune.

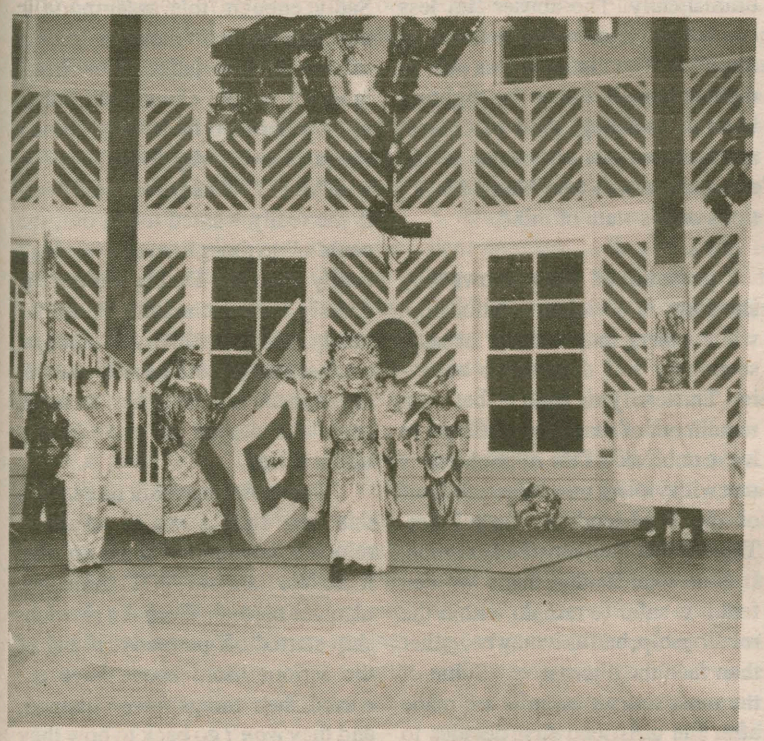
After the musical prelude, the dragon dance choreographed by Jamie Guan of Beijing Opera was staged. Jamie played the dragon while his Hamilton proteges, clad in silk dresses and outfits of crabs and shrimps with their faces painted, accompanied him in the dance. The dance began with flute and drum music with a slow beat but, as the performance progressed, and the dragon fought the black spirit, the music picked up tempo. The dance ended with the victory of the dragon.

Other dance performances of the show included, a Thai dance, a Vietnamese fan dance and a Chinese ribbon dance. The Thai dance was choreographed by Illona Feldman'95 who spent a semester in Thailand. The Vietnamese fan dance was similar in mood to the Thai dance, as both were characterized by slow movements. The ribbon dance had a much faster tempo and the ribbons, moving like snakes, made the dance livelier. The ribbon dance was choreographed by Barbara Shine who travelled from Connecticut College for the occasion.

The show also included several presentations with a Japanese theme. The members of the Japanese class recited several Japanese poems, with translations. They also produced a short skit portraying the celebration of new year in a typical Japanese home. Though the performance was humorous, the skit effectively depicted such Japanese New Year rituals as giving money to kids, visiting Shinto shrines, visiting relatives and eating the year crossing noodles. Another item from Japan was Miki Kodama's slide presentation on Japanese new year. The presentation took us on a visual journey through Japan on a new year's day. The audiences learned that new year's day is the only day when children are allowed to sip saki (a Japanese alcoholic drink) in Japan.

One of the chief attractions of the evening was the Asian fashion parade. As the host of the parade named different countries, models dressed in the traditional costumes of those countries entered the arena. Among the dresses displayed were Hmong, Japanese, Indian, Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese and Sri Lankan.

The other events of the evening were folk and patriotic songs presented by the Chinese class and an impromptu Malayasian love song by Alan Lee sung in addition to various Chinese songs. Lee's song was a bonus addition to the show. Though the song was in Malay, the blues-type tune of the song was familiar.



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The Hamilton community was treated to a colorful and vibrant celebration of the Asian New Year on Saturday, February 18. Jamie Guan (left) of the Beijing Opera led a troupe of Hamilton students (right) in performing the dragon dance.

Students to head to Albany in attempt to halt proposed cuts for New York state education aid

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rally in the Chapel to generate awareness of and support for this cause. Local newspapers and political representatives are expected to attend. The organizers hope that it will be an open forum, a "display of campus unity", which will demonstrate the need to actively protest in the capital.

Governor Pataki's proposed $74 million budget cut will affect both state and private institutions by drastically reducing funds previously allocated to the Higher Education Opportunity Program; the Educational Opportunity Program; Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge; College Discovery; and the Tuition Assistance Program. Currently, sixty percent of Hamilton students receive some form of financial assistance; much of this assistance is derived from state programs and is dependent upon beneficial state policies.

Thomas Royal of the HEOP Office explained that although former governor Mario Cuomo had never substantially increased state financial aid, he had neither instituted cuts to assistance. He acknowledged that Pataki's proposal, which will be voted upon by legislators on March 14th, presents a major threat to all the opportunity programs. Royal stressed that colleges must show strength in numbers: thousands of marchers will have much more of an influence on legislators' decisions than hundreds or than letters alone.

Buses will be leaving for Albany from McEwen Circle around 8:30 Monday morning. Students wishing to attend the rally may sign up then.

March 6th is the deadline for submissions for **The Head Essay Prize** (to a senior writing on a theme relating to Alexander Hamilton); **The Cunningham Essay Prize** (to a senior writing on Abraham Lincoln); **The Dean Alfange Essay Prize** (for the two best essays on a feature or issue of American constitutional government). Entries for these prizes should be submitted to the Government Department Office, Kirner Johnson. For further information, please contact David Paris, x4224.

March 27th is the deadline for submissions for **The Kellogg Essay Prizes** (for essays written in English courses); **George A. Watrous Literary Prizes** (for works of poetry, fiction, and criticism); **Adam Gordon Poetry Prize** (to a first year student);**The Rose B. Tager Prize** (for the best shortr story). Rules for submission are available from Ms. Turvey in the English Department Office, Root Hall 116. For further information, please contact Patricia O'Neill, x4218.

Arrested students to face J- Board hearing

Will also face a hearing in civil court

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Possession of marijuana violates the college's rules on illegal substances. The date of the Judicial Board hearing will be determined shortly.

Ingalls remained with the students while they were detained at the police station. She wants to make it clear to the student body that Hamilton's security forces are by no means out to get the students, but that students must do their best to uphold the laws. She stated, " It is part of what we do to provide a safe environment for the students and the community. We are concerned for people's– students' and residents'– well-being."

She emphasized that these arrests were not part of any "crack-down" on drug use here at Hamilton. She felt that it was important that students take more personal responsibility for their actions. She expressed, " Students need to consider other students when engaging in this type of activity. I don't think they [the students] realize how it affects the people in the residence halls and in the whole community." She felt that drug usage has many detrimental side affects, that can lead to more serious infractions, jeopardizing all the students on the campus.

Features

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Mind Matters: violent relationships

By Sophie Anson '95
PEER ADVISOR

Domestic violence, meaning wife battering or child abuse, has received increasing attention over the past twenty years as figures reporting abuse appear to be steadily rising. Yet it is between young men and women, teenage parents and college students, or young couples who are living together that the most frequent occurrences of violence is found. It is a **fact** that more unmarried men are hurting the women they are with than are married men: there's a taboo (and laws) against wife-beating. No such taboo seems to apply when it involves a boy hurting his girlfriend. And that is where we become concerned.

When speaking of the dating violence, physical, and psychological abuse addressed in this article, we'll be referring mainly to younger couples our own age, usually who are going out together and at least one of whom is getting hurt. In some cases a relationship might have each partner hurting the other. More often than not however, this isn't the case. In about 5% of cases, the man is being hurt. The majority of cases involve the woman being victimized. Given those percentages, for purposes of this article the victim will be referred to as 'she' and the abuser as 'he'.

So, what is dating violence and what can one do to get out of such a relationship? The answers to both those questions are far more complicated than they initially seem. Dating violence often goes unrecognized or is purposefully ignored in the hope that things may change. But these are common misconceptions. Once involved in a violent or abusive relationship, it is almost impossible to escape unless serious measures are taken.

Dating violence includes actions of a physical nature such as slapping, choking, punching, beating, tying up or throwing things. Psychological abuse can be just as traumatic and damaging. This form of abuse includes intimidation, threats of injury, isolation from friends, and very frequently threats of suicide. In fact, when speaking to a number of people on this campus, I found that threats of suicide is one of the most frequently encountered forms of psychological abuse, for both men and women. As on woman said: "you will never leave a relationship carrying such a burden... the responsibility is huge".

The consequences of these abusive actions are terrible: cuts, bruises, disfigurement, dislocated joints and stomach problems are but a few. Abusers frequently learn to conceal their actions and avoid hitting or hurting where it might show. For example, most abusers purposely avoid hitting the victim in the face where bruises or black eyes would be more apparent. As a result, recognizing a victim can be difficult or impossible. Many victims also try to avoid the shame and embarrassment of abuse by appearing cheerful, thus avoiding the suspicion of others. This might leads to further stress and sometimes to psychological breakdown, poor performance at school or work and withdrawal from friends. If you suspect a friend is being hurt, help her get help.

And the abuser...what are the consequences to him? Guilt and maybe self hatred may follow once he realizes what he has done. Yet is that enough to make him break the cycle? Usually not. The abuser is often sincerely sorry, and becomes very apologetic, will cry and say he doesn't know what got into him. But the truth seems to be in the words : *if it has happened once it can happen again*. All histories of abuse begin with one occurrence. The abuser will usually come up with excuses such as "I love her so much I just can't handle my jealousy." It is not a surprise that the victim becomes confused. If he loves her, why is she hurting so much? When such a man men might be that way, many aren't. Abuse is a crime and is **not normal.** Other men do not hurt the ones they love.

When alcohol and other drugs are involved, instances of abuse rise dramatically. The abuser has less control and is more likely to act on impulse. The victim is less able to defend herself either by fighting back or escaping. And of course, alcohol provides an excuse to the abuser who will later blame his actions on his state of mind.

A victim of abuse knows why she stays in a violent relationship, while others may wonder at such seemingly self destructive behavior. The terrifying truth is that most remain out of fear. Any attempts to leave or break off the relationship is met with violent measures on behalf of the boyfriend to control her. Threats become even more extreme. It is no wonder that many women feel it is safer to remain within the relationship, bad as it may be, rather than face the alternative. Some of the most serious assaults are made after the girlfriend first decides to end the relationship. If threats of suicide are being used as a means of retaining the other, an attempt at suicide will make sure that he or she doesn't leave. Another reason to remain in an abusive relationship is because the victim doesn't want others to know she has been living in such as situation, imagining that they will think the worst of **her** (not him). Sadly enough, this assumption is not completely off the mark: people are so quick to judge. One hears ignorant people claim such things as "it's her own fault, why doesn't she just leave...why does she put up with him ...". One person said "well if she really wanted to get out, she could...", as though anyone wouldn't **really** want to. Dating violence is grossly underestimated. Unfortunately, this is especially so amongst adolescents or college students because there is a tendency to brush aside the degree of trouble they might be in.

The most important message is this: one should not be afraid or reluctant to recognize abuse for what it is. We should **NOT** think it's okay, or normal. Even if a relationship started off perfectly, if any of the actions listed above have occurred then things *have* changed, and they *won't* go back to how they

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FYI: Rotting Teeth

By Diann Lynch
R.N.C.C.H. N.

It is often said that there is nothing as painful as a toothache. The most common cause of tooth pain is tooth decay. Fortunately, most college students today have had the benefit of preventative dental care and tooth decay is not a major problem in this age group.

However, if good dental hygiene is not continued, problems can occur. Decay begins with bacteria and sugars in the mouth forming acids that corrode the teeth. This can cause a new cavity or a secondary cavity under the old filling that is loose or cracked. Decay will cause pain that is localized to the affected tooth and possibly sensitive to hot and cold. Secondary decay can lead to an abscess that is often very painful with possible referral of pain to the jaw. Tylenol, aspirin or ibuprofen will usually control the pain until you can see a dentist.

Preventative dental care has also greatly reduced the need for dental extractions. As a result, most young people have all their teeth, leaving little room or no room for third molars(wisdom teeth) which usually erupt around the ages of 18-20. Impacted wisdom teeth can cause aching of the jaw, transient earache, sore gums and pressure on the other molars. If impacted they will need to be surgically removed.

Maxillary sinus infections cause the upper teeth to hurt. The pain usually occurs in several teeth and is accompanied by sinus congestions, facial tenderness and possibly fever. The toothache will subside with treatment of the sinus infection by your health care provider.

Trauma is another cause of tooth pain. A tooth that has been broken will not hurt if only the enamel is cracked, A more serious fracture will be painful and sensitive to cold. It will need immediate dental care.

A tooth that has been completely knocked out can sometimes be reimplanted if you do the following: pick the tooth up by the crown(top). Do not try to wash or clean it. If possible, place it back in the socket in the mouth. If not, place it in a container of milk for transport to the dentist. Seek emergency care immediately.

The Health Center can refer you to a dentist on call for emergency care or set up an appointment with a local dentist for nonemergency problems. Most dental problems are preventable. Remember to see your dentist twice a year for cleaning and checkup. Brush your teeth at least twice a day and ideally after eating. Floss once a day. Avoid unnecessary trauma by wearing protective head and mouth gear when engaging in sports that involve high risk to the teeth. And lastly, don't use your teeth to open containers, rip plastic or chew objects other than food.

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The First-Year Advisory Board

By Tim Jackson '98
FYAB CHAIR

Do you remember when you were applying to college? Most of us look back and remember a high stress and uncertain time in our lives. I would like to commend Rit Fuller for the creation of (and twelve students for the support of) a new group on campus that was made to improve the process that high school senoirs go through.

The First Year Advisory Board is made up of nine first years, a sophomore, a junior, and Rit fuller, Dean of Admissions. Incoming students were asked to indicate if they wanted to be involved with Admissions. The students on this board were selected by virtue of a written essay. Through a series of casual discussions over the course of the year, we have given our input to better the admissions process at Hamilton. The idea behind this is to get the best students here that we can and, therefore, to improve the school's academic standing.. The FYAB sent out a letter at the end of last semester, with each of our phone numbers on it,encouraging perspective students to call us with questions about the application process.

The letter attempted to calm the nerves of stressed senoirs by telling them the horrible things that happened to us, to show them that one can survive even the most embarrasing interview. One of the members of the FYAB recalls having a muscle spasm during her interview, which caused her to kick her interviewer in the shin.

We have done various other tasks related to the admissions process. FYAB evaluated current admissions media for accuracy, conclusiveness, and diversity. We ran the Boomerang program, phoned prospects from our hometowns. FYAB also came up with ideas about what admissions can do or will need to do about the possible affects of the Residential Life Committee's decision and it's impact either way on admissions.

FYAB has planned another mailing to follow acceptance letters with the goal of achieving the highest possible yield of applying students.

Here is a group of already busy people that have voluntarily given a few hours a week for the whole year for no other reason than to give something back to Hamilton. It is nice to know that there are people who care about our school enough to donate their time to make it a better place. Thanks to: Mani Ahmad, Jason Awerdick, Jean Baiardi, Andrew Edelson, Meghan Hallock, Lisa Hornor, Nadine Neue, Kerri Page, Michael Reilly, and Barbara Upton for caring about Hamilton and putting in so much time, even during vacation.

These students comprise the charter group of the First-Year Advisory Board. Next year, incoming students will be presented the same opportunity to help reshape the admissions process for subsequent years. This years board will have the oppurtunity to reamin involved with the board in their own remaining year at Hamilton.

Fire your synapses: Weekly critical discussions

By Neil Andrews '95
FEATURES WRITER

After writing my first article for the, Spectator, a column on Hamilton's weaknesses in the academic sphere, I have decided to write a new series of articles in order to buck a persistent Hamilton trend. This trend usually adheres to the following three-step process: 1. A student pinpoints a glaring problem, worthy of the world's attention(or at least worthy of the attention of the Hamilton community). 2. The student writes a heartfelt and passionate article about this problem. 3. After the article is printed, the student proceeds to do absolutely nothing to remedy the problem that the individual originally felt to be of such great importance. I almost fell into this same trap.

The issue that drove me to write my first article was Hamilton's distinctively anti-intellectual atmosphere. At many schools, it is actually the students themselves, in addition to the professors, who encourage other students to be individuals who actually like to learn, to be students who discover that discussions about art, politics, philosophy, and science can be as stimulating as conversations about sports, movies and Melrose Place. At these schools, motivated students who work hard, who like ideas and who discover that the life of the mind provides invaluable rewards who live in such an existence, are encouraged and praised. They are not ridiculed by those who subscribe to the high-schoolish attitude that labels these same students as, for a lack of a better word, geeks.

Therefore, I hope to show, in future articles, that intellectualism is actually a good thing, to show that there are other important, and, shall I dare say it, more interesting things to talk about besides the issue of whether or not fraternities should continue to exist. There are more pressing concerns than whether or not students should have a right to cable in their rooms. By the way—and this suggestion is for all the multitudes of suffering individuals who finally have a voice that expresses their tragic and immense pain caused by the lack of personal access to cable television, and who therefore have no opportunity to keep in touch with the world—might I suggest reading a newspaper instead? I'd be more than happy to lend, to all the afflicted individuals who have had their basic human rights violated("the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of cable") my copy of The New York Times—it's much better than CNN.

I am trying to be someone who does his part, however small, to buck the trend where people complain, write, and then do nothing.. In order to do this, I will write about something that I know a little bit about, am interested in, and feel others might enjoy as well. Specifically, I want to write about the varied and numerous issues, debates, and theories in the world of science.

Contrary to the beliefs of many students, science is not just a boring world of facts, data and jargon. For whatever reasons, many students are unaware that science examines some of the most fascinating, profound, stirring, and disturbing issues facing our society today, issues that have relevance to everyone. These are issues that have implications in practically every field of study, from philosophy to linguistics, from religion to politics. To reiterate, my goal is to stimulate interest and discussion, and to make it acceptable to have intelligent and serious conversations about topics that may have escaped the notice of many students.

The issue that, for lack of space, I will only introduce in this article, but will develop in future ones, is the age-old mind-brain problem. This dilemma, also referred to as the mind-body question, and posed most eloquently and distinctly by the sixteenth century philosopher Descartes, is as follows: Can your mind, your thoughts, emotions, sense of self, and conscious feeling of subjectivity—in other words, almost everything that makes you distinctly human— be, as the geneticist turned mind investigator Francis Crick says, nothing more than the activity of a bunch of nerve cells and their related molecules? Or , alternatively, is the mind, as Descartes thought, distinct from the brain? Is it a non-corporeal entity that can influence the physical brain and body, yet still, somehow, remain distinct from it. In other words, to put the issue as a third possibility: Many thinkers who call themselves identity theorists feel that the mind and the brain are two aspects of the same thing, like two different sides of the same coin. In reality, there are a surprisingly large number of differing positions on this fascinating, yet still unresolved question.

Perhaps the most interesting, and in my view, disturbing aspect of the whole issue is that superb scholars, tremendous thinkers and experimenters, have completely opposite views on the same phenomenon. For instance, the same Francis Crick whom I alluded to earlier, a Nobel Peace Prize winner for his investigation on the structure of DNA, is a reductionist; he feels that the mind will be understood in it entirety only when we understand the cells and molecules that compose our nervous system. On the other hand, Sir John Eccles, an equally accomplished scientist who also won a Nobel Prize in his work for neurophysiology), is, like Descartes was, a dualist. He feels that the mind and the brain are separate and distinct entities that cannot be reduced to one another.

Highly accomplished scholars also differ in their attitudes towards other questions that any consideration of the mind-brain question inevitably raises. For instance, some theorists believe that if, ultimately, our minds are really nothing more than chemicals and molecules, then we should be able to create machines that have minds in the same sense that human beings are said to have minds. Other scholars think this view is preposterous. As another example, some thinkers believe that the mind-brain relations can only be understood with reference to the strange ideas of quantum physics, while others believe that looking for new theories from quantum physics is unnecessary, that quantum physics exists at a level too far removed from the brain to be worthy of much consideration.

In future articles, I hope to take up some of these very questions. In addition, I hope to write about evolution, a favorite topic of mine. For next week, I will examine the reasons why many people reject reductionist materialistic attempts to explain the mind-brain relation, and why the alternative suggestion of dualism is a hypothesis that is very hard to support.

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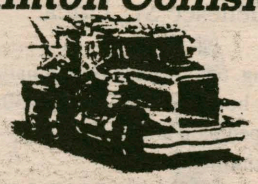

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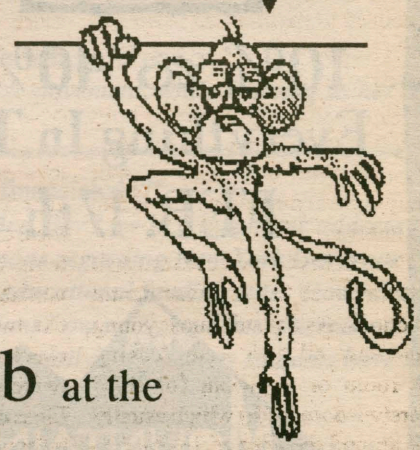

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Mind Matters: Abusive Relationships

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were before. Hitting and shoving and psychological threats which are certainly bad enough can escalate into much more serious crimes. Victims who's abusers make them feel responsible and that they asked for it should understand that no one asks to be hurt, no one asks for violence and fear. The responsibility is not the victims.

Finally, if you have been experienced any of the things described earlier as abused, don't be afraid to acknowledge your situation and get help. This can be a very difficult choice to make and can be even more confusing for those who still think that they love the person hurting them. The most important thing to remember is that you deserve better. Remind yourself that things within the present relationship **won't** get better unless you get help.

The Peer Advising Program will be sponsoring a program addressing violent and abusive relationships on Thursday, March 2 from 4:00- 5:30 PM in KJ 221. Teresa Cassulo and Ellen Gerase, community educators at Hall House (the local "safe house" for Utica's Domestic Violence program), will present on the dynamics and realities of domestic violence. Everyone in the community is welcome. Contact Mark Thompson at the Counseling Center for information.

Cat's Cook Corner: Special Full Meal

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This week as an extra special treat we've decided to give you a whole menu to cook. We know that Valentine's Day is just winding down, and the excitement and joy is just not there anymore, so use this menu, and remind that special someone that you still love them.(Actually, if you happen to try it, we would love to know how it turned out.) Or make it because you are once again sick of the food at Commons or Bundy or McEwan, (we know it doesn't take long.) Make it for a friend who has been feeling down recently. Just make it!

To begin the meal you should start with an appetizer. Great snickety-snacks are celery, carrots, peppers and dip. Chips and salsa, deviled eggs, chips (Doritos, umm), cauliflower, broccoli and cherry tomatoes marinated in Italian dressing. You could even cut up apples and have an array of cheeses (swiss, brie, jarlsburg) and crackers (wheat thins, triscuits and Ritz bits). And if you've been diligently watching and reading this column use the recipes for asparagus roll-ups or tzatziki!! Why not?

Start your meal with a salad. Find some greens and carrots and celery, cucumbers, sprouts, cauliflower, tomatoes, whatever you desire to be in it. Then add dressing and you have a nutritious beginning that will balance the rich dessert.

For the main course we've chosen an old classic that we hope will excite your stomachs, as it excites ours.

Grandma's Meat Loaf

Meat Mixture:
- 2/3 c milk
- 1 1/2 pounds of lean ground beef
- 1 small onion chopped fine
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup cracker crumbs or crushed corn flakes
- 2 tbl finely chopped green pepper
- 2 tbl ketchup(Heinz is best)
- 2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp sugar

Sauce:
- 3 heaping(!!!!) tbl brown sugar
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1 tsp dry mustard, or 1 tbl prepared mustard
- 1 tsp ground nutmeg (optional, but it really does add a little pep, and you know we all need that)

To make this hearty treat (that isn't mystery meat) you should preheat the toaster oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Then scald the milk. To do this place the milk in your hot pot and put the temperature to high. Watch it very carefully and when it begins to steam, then wallah!!! the milk is scalded. Simple. But do not allow to boil (you'll have quite a mess and smell and believe me, you wouldn't like it.) Allow the milk to cool. Place the remainder of meat ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Add the scalded milk and with a large spoon (or, hey, if you prefer, use your hands, sort of like mudcakes in second grade). Mix it until well combined. Divide the meat mixture evenly among three loaf pans. Form the little loafs with your hands (aren't they cute!!). Place all of the pans in the toaster oven.

Combine all of the sauce ingredients in a small bowl and stir until the sugar is dissolved. After the loaves have been cooking for at least 30 minutes, spoon some of the sauce over the top of each loaf. Periodically keep adding more and more. Bake the meat loaves for at leas t(or at most depending on your meat preferences, okay it's not steak.)

Serves 4-6 people:

Meat loaf (unlike cheese), cannot stand alone. There must be a balance and the perfect one is onion rings.

Onion Rings

Ingredients:
- 2-3 medium sized onions
- 1 c Bisquick baking mix
- 3/4 c beer(it evaporates, and we know you have a spare can around)
- 1 egg
- 2 shakes Worcestershire sauce
- A dash of salt and pepper(not a swig)
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups of Vegetable Oil

First peel the onions and cutting them as thin as possible. (If you have sensitive eyes, we suggest properly arming yourself against the lethal spray and pungency. Eye goggles work best.) Then separate the rings and make a pile on a sheet of wax paper. Whisk together the Bisquick, beer , egg, Worcestershire sauce, and salt and pepper until well combined. It will be thick, but if it is too thick you can always add an extra tablespoon of beer or water. Cover your desk or work surface with layers of paper. Place the hot pot in the center of the papers. Pour oil in and turn the temperature set to high. Line a plate with paper towels (this will be the drainer for the onion rings). You might want to set up an assembly line for the next part-onions, batter, hot pot. Dip onions in batter completely and then drop them into the oil. With a wooden fork or spoon turn the onions over and over, until they are a uniform golden brown. Remove onion rings from the oil and let them drain. Serve them as soon as they are ready. Dip in ketchup. Serves 6

Now, of course (drum roll), the course you've all been waiting for: DESSERT

Mississippi Mud

Ingredients:

Batter-
- 1/3 c vegetable oil
- 2/3 c plus 1 tbl sugar
- 2/3 c self-rising flour
- 2 tbl unsweetened cocoa
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

Filling:
- 2 c mini marshmallows

Icing:
- 5 tbl butter, well softened
- 1/3 c unsweetened cocoa
- 3/4 c + 1 tbl powdered sugar
- 2 tbl milk
- 1/2 c chopped nuts(optional)

Start by preheating the toaster oven to 300 degrees Fahrenheit. Then in a medium-sized bowl mix all of the batter ingredients together until well combined. Pour the batter into an aluminum foil baking pan and bake in the toaster for thirty minutes. After it is finished remove from the oven and sprinkle the mini marshmallows over the top. Return it to the oven and resume baking for around 10 minutes or until marshmallows are soft and begin to melt. Then while baking, combine the icing ingredients except the nuts. Beat the mixture until there are no lumps. Add the nuts if you are using them. Set the icing aside. By this time the cake should be finished, so remove it and allow to cool for around 10 minutes. Spread the icing while the cake is still warm. Allow the cake to cool completely before cutting into squares.

Poet's Corner

Lost

Whenever I see you, I'm lost
I'm lost in the soft warm waters
of the deep shimmering see that are your eyes
I lose all direction,
I'm stranded in the thunder and the lightning,
in the light and brightness that is your smile.
I'm left to negotiate the blazing fireworks,
the rainbow of colors, that form your face.
I'm lost,
miles from the nearest road,
left to experience the singing birds
and the fiery red horizons that overwhelm me
whenever your essence pierces me.
Every moment,
however fleeting,
that I look into your soul, I'm lost
I hope I never find my way

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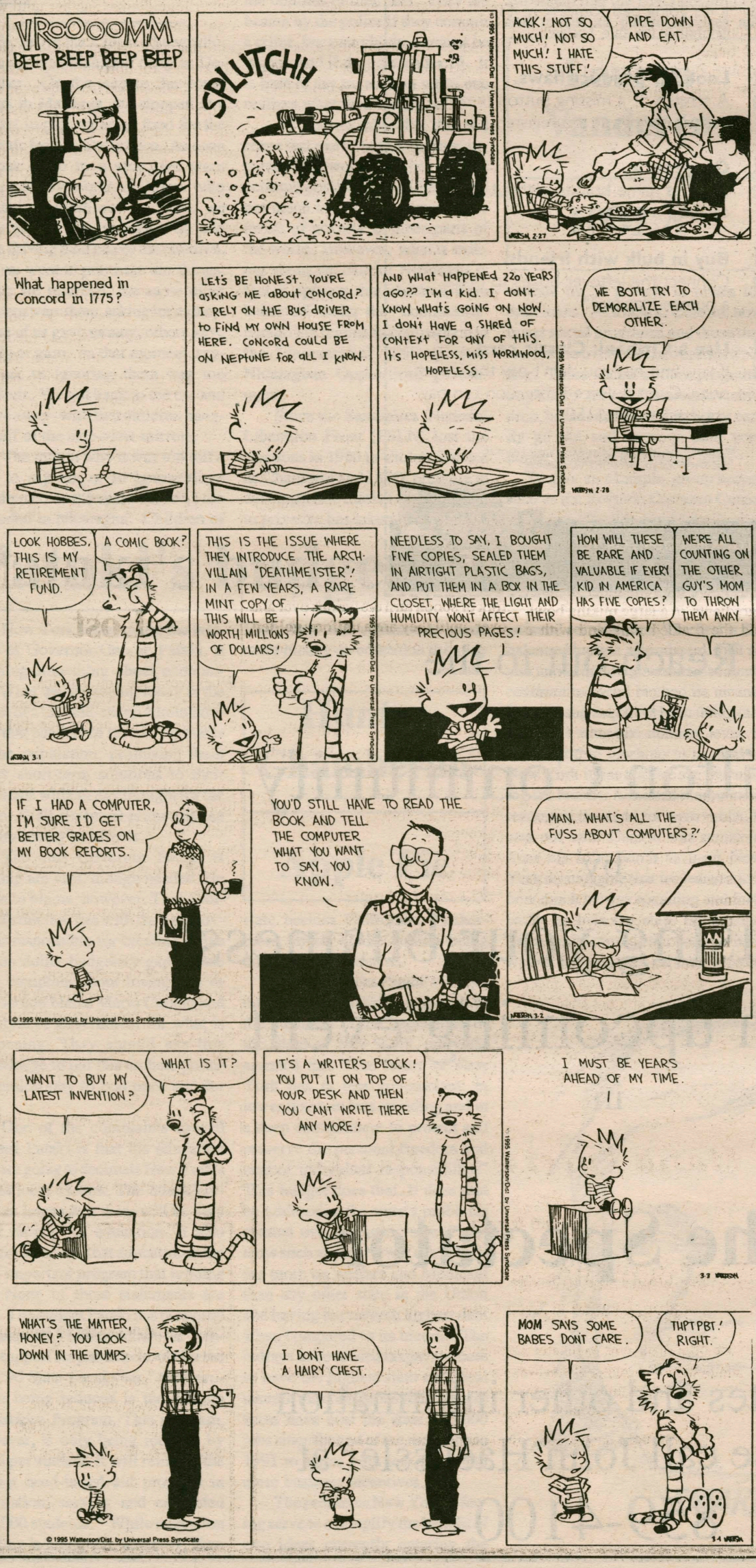
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What happened in Concord in 1775?
LET'S BE HONEST. YOU'RE ASKING ME ABOUT CONCORD? I RELY ON THE BUS DRIVER TO FIND MY OWN HOUSE FROM HERE. CONCORD COULD BE ON NEPTUNE FOR ALL I KNOW.
AND WHAT HAPPENED 220 YEARS AGO?? I'M A KID. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON NOW. I DON'T HAVE A SHRED OF CONTEXT FOR ANY OF THIS. IT'S HOPELESS, MISS WORMWOOD, HOPELESS.
WE BOTH TRY TO DEMORALIZE EACH OTHER.
LOOK HOBBES, THIS IS MY RETIREMENT FUND.
A COMIC BOOK?
THIS IS THE ISSUE WHERE THEY INTRODUCE THE ARCH-VILLAIN "DEATHMEISTER"! IN A FEW YEARS, A RARE MINT COPY OF THIS WILL BE WORTH MILLIONS OF DOLLARS!
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WE'RE ALL COUNTING ON THE OTHER GUY'S MOM TO THROW THEM AWAY.
IF I HAD A COMPUTER, I'M SURE I'D GET BETTER GRADES ON MY BOOK REPORTS.
YOU'D STILL HAVE TO READ THE BOOK AND TELL THE COMPUTER WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY, YOU KNOW.
MAN, WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT COMPUTERS?
WANT TO BUY MY LATEST INVENTION?
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S A WRITER'S BLOCK! YOU PUT IT ON TOP OF YOUR DESK AND THEN YOU CAN'T WRITE THERE ANY MORE!
I MUST BE YEARS AHEAD OF MY TIME.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HONEY? YOU LOOK DOWN IN THE DUMPS.
I DON'T HAVE A HAIRY CHEST.
MOM SAYS SOME BABES DON'T CARE.
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Quotable Quotes

By Joshua Ribner '97

********This week's special-Professors say too much*********

"I don't have a job...I'm a professor!"
-Professor Gary Wycroff talking to the Hamilton "Thinktank" (a political discussion group).

"You don't want to hiss at Lenin's name? You little commie Bolsheviks!"
-Professor Frank Sciacca shows his feelings toward Lenin's industrialization of Russia

"Don't let any one touch your private amulets."
-Professor Sciacca on the communist alternative to "the family jewels".

"Antlers [on display in the home] are simply everlasting genetalia."
-Professor Sciacca.

"I think the biggest asset the Democratic Party has today is Newt Gingrich's propensity to say stupid things that eventually get published."
-Professor Ted Eismeier and his faith in the Democrats.

"When someone dropped their sunglasses on the ice at the hockey game, I think we were all waiting for security to pull out the machine guns!"
-Professor Eismeier on Hamilton's relaxed atmosphere since the "doll incident".

"Just touch yourself!"
-Professor David C. Paris explaining "sense" to his Political Theory class. I don't think this is exactly what Hobbes had in mind.

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********This week's special part 2-**Annis Gilbert'96**********

"If you're paying for dinner, you can get all the nookie you want!"
-Annis and her high moral theories about hooking up.

"I'm not used to balls this big!"
-Annis out on a big night of bowling. Yes, Quotables would be incomplete without a random sexual innuedo.

"I'm a strong woman...that's with an 'e' or a 'y'."
-Annis helps out the feminist movement, while showing us her spelling ability.

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"How many of you are on financial aid?"
Director of Student Activities Bev Low in a lunchtime address to a crowd of students in Commons regarding New York Governor George Pataki's proposed educational funding cuts. How about some more personal questions? ow many students' parents earn more than $100 thousand annually? How many students have IQ's above 130?

"Did you know that Governor George Pataki plans to cut educational aid by $30 million in New York state alone?"
From a flyer advertising a trip to Albany to protest the budget cuts. If Pataki's cutting $30 million in his home state of New York, then we'd hate to think how much he's cutting in other states.

"Can I use your husband?"
-Alicia K. Rasmussen '98 while borrowing one of her roomates most intimate possessions. I didn't know we had married housing at Hamilton.

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Nicaraguan children are victims of IMF development policy

This is part of a series of articles written by members of Hamilton on Latin America (HOLA). Although this column is devoted to the opinions of HOLA members, it does not necessarily reflect the views of the organization as a whole. HOLA meetings take place every Tuesday at 4 in the CJ Browsing Room and are open to all interested faculty and students.

Lauren Vanderen

HOLA

We drove back from Chaugitillo, Nicaragua to Managua early in December. On the way to the youth hostel in Managua, we stopped at a market to pick up some food for the bus ride back to Costa Rica. As soon as our came to a stop, we were swarmed by eight children who wanted to watch our car while we were gone. The woman who had been driving paid one of the children, and we went to purchase our things. When we returned, the same eight children were there, asking for money. Some of us gave money, others gave candy or gum. At that moment, saying no, or ignoring them was too difficult. We got back in the car and drove away- with two children hanging off of the side-view mirrors.

The reason why it was too difficult to say no, or to ignore these children is because it is a scene all too common in Nicaragua. Children of all ages, some as young as four, line the streets of Managua and sell sunglasses, maps, gum, etc. to people in buses and cars who are stopped in traffic. They follow you through the market, they offer to guard your car, to carry your belongings or, sometimes, they mug you. They play in urine-filled gutters, and walk barefoot with huge oozing sores on the bottoms of their feet. They are beaten by the police if they commit a crime, because children cannot be imprisoned if they are under 16. It is hard to say no to them when one realizes what their reality is.

I acknowledge that this is a scene that can be witnessed in many parts of the world and that poverty pertains not only to children. I do not mean to ignore or demean the levels of poverty in other parts of the world. However, what is striking about the case of Nicaragua is that it appears that children were better off under the "communist" Sandinista regime in comparison to the "democratic" UNO (United Nicaraguan Opposition) government.

Since the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) lost the elections in 1990 to Violeta Barrios de Chamorro and UNO, pressure to develop a free market economy and to privatize has taken its toll on the Nicaraguan people. In order to help boost the economy, Nicaragua turned to the Intermonetary Fund (IMF) to obtain loans. As a condition for granting these loans to any country, the IMF requires the country to make certain economic adjustments in return for the loan. These adjustments usually include cutting budgets among other things. In Nicaragua, the IMF stipulated that the UNO government had to cut all public services and welfare by 50 percent in return for their loans. As a result, there are now fewer social programs, and those that remain are overburdened and ineffective. Those social welfare programs especially served Nicaraguan children, because children can not as easily go out and improve their economic situation by finding jobs.

To give an example, group homes such as the Rolando Carrazco Center were once effective provisional homes for children when the Sandinistas were in power. Through the center, children who had been abandoned were placed into new homes. According to a few of the people I talked to in Nicaragua, when the Sandinistas were in power, there was a sense of community; a common goal. Therefore, people were willing to adopt children more frequently. Because of the economic adjustments Nicaragua has had to make, there are less government funds to help support families, and the UNO government does not focus on community, but rather competition within the market (which I believe has social consequences as well). Therefore, people are less likely to take on another child. As a result, group homes like Rolando Carrazco have become overfilled and understaffed, and children are forced to seek shelter in the streets.

It is estimated that there are 21,000 street children in the capital city of Managua (out of an overall population of 1, 080,000). They mostly live in the ruins of old buildings destroyed in the 1972 earthquake. They survive day to day, begging, stealing, and picking through trash looking for things to sell or eat. Other problems plague these children as well. Child prostitution is rampant. Many sniff glue, because they claim it takes away the hunger. How does one battle that type of addiction? Telling these kids that glue-sniffing is bad for them is kind of silly. Not eating isn't good for them either.

The Sandinista government, while not perfect, tried to make health care, housing and education available to all people in Nicaragua. The World Health Organization even commended the government on progress made in the condition of children's health in Nicaragua. From what I witnessed in Nicaragua, the UNO government has not made these things a priority, or cannot make these things a priority because of the restrictions (cuts in social programs) placed on them by the IMF. Although there are people throughout the world who strongly believe the UNO government brings peace and stability to Nicaragua, it is extremely difficult to see peace and stability when I watch children pick out of garbage cans, mug people out of desperation and live in filth.

David Werner's "Children Pay Price in Nicaragua's New Order" in Third World Resurgence magazine contributed basic facts in this article.

The Spectator thanks HOLA for its continuing contribution to the Letters and Op-Ed section

Pataki's budget cuts are prudent and necessary

Hunter Chamberlin

Apple Pie

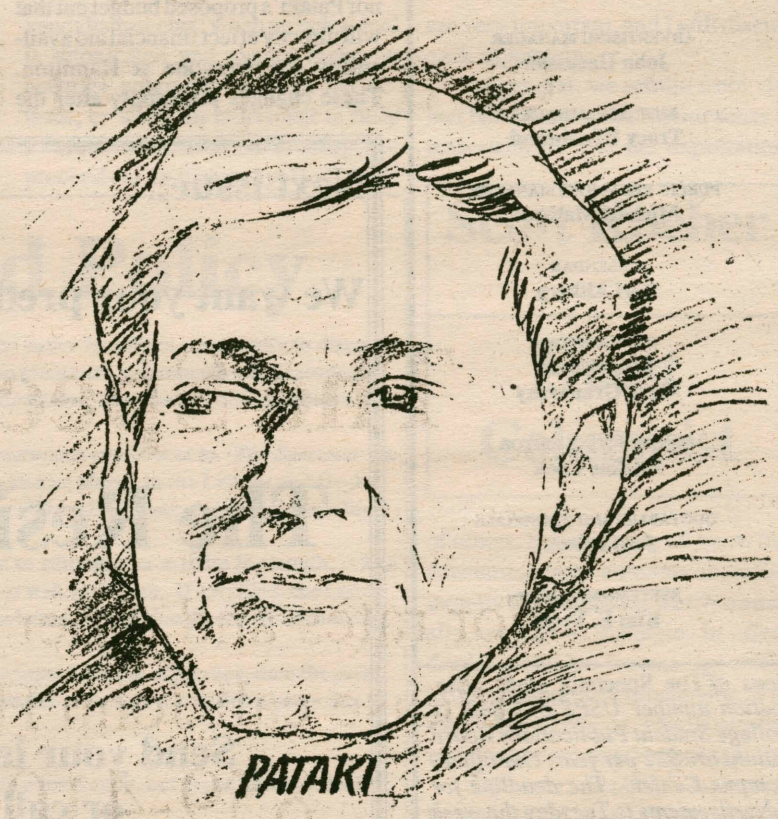
New York State, under the tutelage of Governor George Pataki, is learning something about economics. What we are seeing today is the effect of a tax-and-spend administration that panders to certain segments of the population, promising them many short-term solutions to their problems without any thought for the future. Well, the future is upon us and we are seeing its effects.

The cuts Governor Pataki is making are vast, though needed. He is not to blame, however. That dubious distinction lies with the past governor responsible for creating a five billion dollar budgetary gap. Those who complain about losing this or that should blame Mario Cuomo and his style of government for what is happening. They should use this knowledge to put this archaic political philosophy to bed once and for all.

One of the complaints lodged against Pataki is that his education cuts are going to decimate New York's educational system. The attack creates an image that there will be very little money for education. It also creates an image that education is the only important program that is being cut. None of these statements are true. The budget Pataki has proposed allocates $9.7 billion dollars for "general support for public schools for the '95-'96 State fiscal year." One program being reduced is the Tuition Assistance Program. This program, however, is only being reduced by $475 per student. It will remain "the largest need-based aid program in the nation, serving and estimated 280,000 students." While education funding is being cut, however, New York State will continue to spend more money on education than any state besides California. Furthermore, much of the cutting being done is administrative.

What else does Pataki's budget do? George Pataki, in a speech to the members of the Legislature of the State of New York, correctly asserted that "The future of New York lies in less government, in lower taxes, in less spending and in a deep commitment to protect and preserve the personal freedom and restore individual responsibility." This budget does that. It does that by addressing the state's problems created over the past years. Problems such as the New York spending more on welfare and Medicaid than any other state in the Union and having the seventh highest debt when compared to its income. The outlays have caused taxpayers here to have the highest state and local taxes of the contiguous states. These taxes have cost the state 100,000 jobs since the end of the recession in 1991 to states with less taxes and more business incentives.

The problems New York is facing serve to exemplify the benefit of two ideas currently entering the national conversation. The first is the balanced budget amendment. Just as you and I cannot, government cannot continue to spend beyond its means. For too long they have been doing this on both a state and national level. It was bound to catch up to us, and in New York it has and we are witnessing the results. A second lesson to be learned is the need for term limits. It was not until Cuomo was removed from his lofty perch as head New York demagogue that we learned just how much he was spending and how badly he hurt the state financially. Term limits provide the voters with a way of keeping tabs on their elected representatives so that quagmires like the one New York finds itself in can be avoided. Had Cuomo been removed from office sooner, it is possible that the cuts being made today could have been less severe. However, he taxed and spent the state into financial disaster, costing everyone. How Cuomo went about tricking the public is a lesson from Demagoguery 101. Most recently, he covered the state's rickety financial structure by manipulating non-recurring resources, the largest of which include over a $1 billion from a prior year surplus and $188 million diversion of highway money into the general fund. Such things can no longer be used, effectively leaving Pataki to deal with it. Rather than blame Pataki for something that is not his fault, we should help Pataki by accepting that which he is forced to do for a better New York in the long run, despite the fact that the short run might not be as good as it could have been.



Although many important things are being cut, the cutting began with the bureaucratic reform and elimination. The Pataki budget eliminates the State Energy Office, the local Alcoholic Beverage Control boards, the Commission on Cable Television, and the Law Revision Commission. He will consolidate the Medical Care facilities Finance Authority, the Facilities Development Corporation, and the Dormitory Authority into a new and comprehensive health and education authority. These actions will save the State of New York $17 million. Pataki is also reducing the size of government through the abolition of unneeded administrative jobs. A hiring freeze went into effect the first day of this year. This will save the state another $17 million. Much of the cutting comes from Welfare cuts. Two billion dollars of cuts is proposed on entitlements and other social services. Such cuts and cost containment proposals include "mandated enrollment in managed care programs, reductions in and elimination of certain optional services and reductions in payments to hospitals and nursing homes."

*please see **Pataki** on page 13*

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EDITORIALS

No apathy in protesting Pataki's cuts

The Hamilton community has witnessed in recent weeks a remarkable level of initiative and leadership as its students have mobilized to protest New York Governor George Pataki's proposed spending cuts for higher education. These would limit educational opportunities for tens of thousand of New York college students, including more then two hundred at Hamilton. Led by the Student Assembly and members of the Higher Education Opportunities Program, Hamilton students have sponsored letter writing campaigns in addition to a protest which was scheduled to be held today in the College Chapel. Next Monday, several busloads of Hamilton students will travel to Albany to take part in a rally to protest Governor Pataki's planned cuts.

The organizers of these events are to be commended for their efforts. For those who complain that apathy among students is the norm on this campus, they need look no further than the initiative that has been taken by campus leaders in recent weeks to mobilize others in the name of trying to avert Governor Pataki's planned savaging of New York's system of higher education.The efforts of students at Hamilton and other academic institutions appear to be having an effect and it now appears that funding may not be cut as much as originally planned. If we can maintain the pressure on our elected leaders, then perhaps cuts in educational aid can be averted in their entirety. Thanks to the efforts of committed individuals here at Hamilton and elsewhere, we are already moving in that direction.

EMT activity should be reported

Hamilton College's policy of discouraging the disclosure of information related to activity of student Emergency Medical Technicians deserves reevaluation. This policy is both misleading and deceptive. Binge drinking and alcohol-related illnesses which have been making a comeback on campus in recent years among Hamilton students have gone largely unnoticed, due in part to the lack of publicity given to incidents involving alcohol-induced injuries. EMT's are the first on the scene when many of these incidents occur. Yet disclosure of the circumstances surrounding them is frowned upon, the rationale being that students will be reluctant to call for the help of EMT's if they feel their plight will be publicized.

We disagree. EMT activity should be public information, though the names of the students involved in each case should remain confidential. We cannot turn a blind eye on problems such as binge drinking by not reporting them, for fear we will discourage students from requesting help when they need it. Those who choose to binge drink must accept the consequences of doing so. Publicity will help to discourage them from engaging in this dangerous activity in the future. Rumors surrounding EMT activity will also be dispelled.

A responsible community is an informed community. Hamilton must take steps to reach this end.

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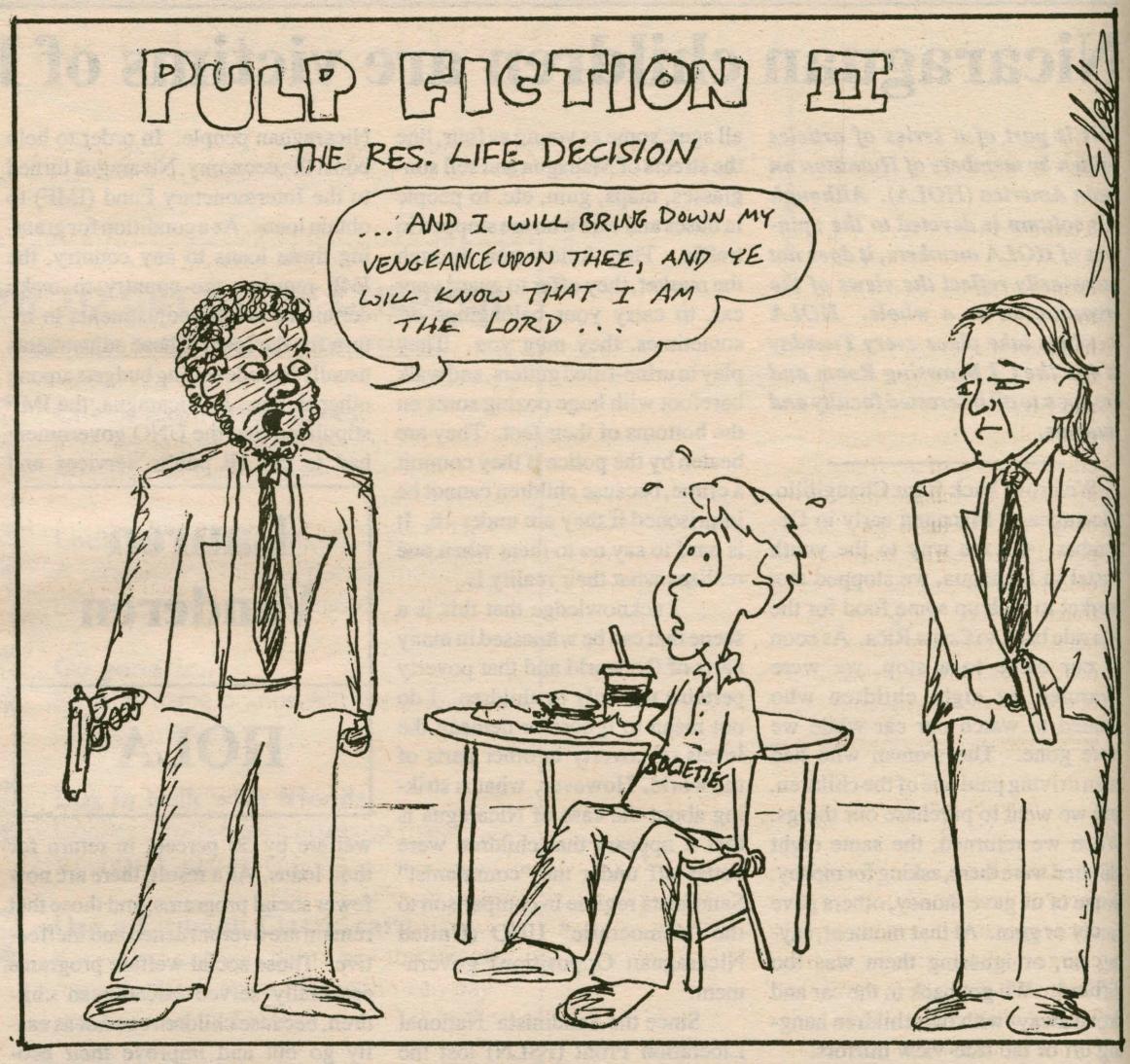
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SOCIETIES

Letters to the Editor

Hamilton students just won't listen

To the Editor:

After eating lunch in Commons on Thursday, February 23, we write to express our disgust and concern for the continuing apathy so prevalent on this campus. Despite repeated attempts to combat this issue at Hamilton, members of this community continue to be inconsiderate and disrespectful towards others.

Bev Low, Director of Student Activities, Ken Kogut, Director of Financial Aid, Student Assembly Vice-President, Jared Bowling '96, and Tiffany Chappell '98 addressed the lunch crowd in regard to Governor Pataki's proposed budget cut that will directly effect financial aid availability for everyone at Hamilton. These changes potentially alter the climate and character of our community. If enacted Pataki's plan will prove counterproductive to Hamilton's goal of promoting diversity. It is both unfortunate and embarrassing that so few students could refrain from talking and being generally disruptive during the brief informational presentation these individuals prepared.

The speakers offered suggestive measures that the Hamilton community could take to combat this legislation. All they wanted to do was help us and we could not take ten minutes out of our lunch and give them our attention. For students who were interested in the information, it was nearly impossible to hear, even despite the aid of an amplification system! This conduct is getting very old. When will more members of this community learn to pay respect to other individuals? This behavior is not tolerated in grade school, why is it tolerated here?

This letter is coming from three seniors who currently do not receive any form of financial assistance, yet we care enough about the welfare of the community to listen and act!

We were lucky enough to enjoy four years at Hamilton with increasing diversity each year. We hope others care enough to ensure this opportunity for classes to come.

Jessica A. Hoffman '95
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fraternities: More than Old Milwaukee and Animal House

To the Editor:

Well, this certainly is an interesting time to be a first-year at Hamilton. I arrive, and a semester-and-a-half later the school stands poised to do away with almost one hundred and fifty years of tradition. It's an odd feeling to be at the tail end of an era. Like most of my friends, I grew up watching *Animal House* (whoah baby, that Belushi guy sure can pound!) and hearing stories from my older brother about his wild and crazy fraternity experiences (yeah right, I knew he exaggerated the goat incident). I realize now the glorification of certain facets of fraternity life can be rather detrimental to the larger perception and understanding of what fraternities actually stand for. For myself at least, the power of myth, ever present in our culture, tends to be misleading.

Since I've been at Hamilton, I've had the opportunity to finally see for myself what the fraternity experience really entails. I've met brothers from all the societies. I've hung out, been to parties, been to dinners, and, on numerous occasions, even seen innocent individuals slip down wet flights of stairs . Interestingly, though, I think I've seen some aspects of the greek system that transcend warm *Old Milwaukee* and girls that don't care to return my sensuous and unabashed stares during crowded Saturday night functions. It's been rewarding to transgress the sordid myth in order to see some of the fundamental principles and ideals that the fraternities were founded on.

Fraternities are societies. And what I've seen within the old brick walls of those societies are people who are living together. I see people who are sharing their college experiences with each other; the good times and the bad, the secure times and the uncertain as well. I see people communicating with each other, caring about each other, respecting each other, intimately sharing their lives with each other. The exchange of ideas and opinions, the sharing of feelings and interests, the learning about differences and commonalities - these are intrinsic to fraternities. And, in a sense, isn't this what life is about? Isn't sharing your life with people you trust, respect, and care about living in its finest and most rewarding state? It is this quality of life that will be abolished if fraternities are done away with.

Forget the hoopla, the glorified myths, and the mis-informed ghosts of John Belushi that hover over the fraternity houses like false beacons of rowdy behavior, because the true premise on which fraternities were founded will remain unchanged. So, Hamilton Administration and Alumni Council Executive Committee, do away with the houses, they are merely the manifestations of something greater. You can never do away with the trust, respect, friendship, and love that has been formed within those houses over the past one hundred and fifty years; the same qualities that are still being formed in them today.

Greg Jacobi '98

from Pataki on page 11

One of the most important aspects of the Pataki budget is the tax cut proposal. The business tax surcharge will be eliminated, helping business flourish they way it should. The tax allievement will benefit everyone from the top income rate reduction of 25% to the programs aiding the low-wage earners in the state. 400,000 more people will no longer pay income taxes under Pataki's plan.

There are many other examples of cuts, restructuring, and stream lining being proposed under the Pataki budget. These reforms are needed badly to correct the fiscal neglect New York has suffered in the past years. Education, which is not even being cut that drastically, is not the only thing being reduced. Everyone can come up with very valid reasons why their particular program should not be cut. The only fair way to do this is to take as little as possible from as much as possible. People cannot look to everyone else to fix the problems of this state. We have to do it ourselves, each and every one of us. With some vision, however, we can use this problem to help us in the future. We can remember this to remind ourselves that if politicians offer us something that looks too good to be true, it probably is. We have to consider the long term effects of our actions and we have to rebuke politicians like Mario Cuomo who do not do this. We can use this experience to remind ourselves of a political philosophy that does not work and does not help us. Armed with this experience, we can prevent people like Cuomo from coming to power ever again.

***The Spectator* is pleased to welcome new cartoonist, Jeff Cacossa to the staff of the Letters and Op-Ed section. In addition to the work of our regular cartoonist, John Elliot, you can enjoy Jeff's work on pages 11 and 14.**

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Campus vandalism: Drinking is no excuse for destruction

Scott Kocher

Guest Columnist

I am very distressed by this past weekend's crime spree on campus. Such blatant vandalism, and similar incidents which occur every weekend, costs Hamilton thousands of dollars each year. However, the financial repercussions are only superficial. It is the underlying causes of such behavior which I find to be far more significant, and more troubling.

There are two ways in which vandalism occurs: when an individual is intoxicated and cannot make an accurate judgment of his or her actions, or when an individual is fully aware of what he or she is doing, but proceeds to do it anyway. Both cases are very important, and I will discuss each separately.

In general, we refrain from violent behavior because of our sense of responsibility and the expectations of others. However, we all know that consuming large amounts of alcohol impairs the inhibitions which we usually are able to maintain. In effect, drinking alcohol lessens our ability to resist inappropriate behavior. With alcohol as a catalyst, vandalism can, and does occur much more rapidly.

However, alcohol is no excuse for vandalism. And yet everyday we hear the familiar rationale, "I was so drunk I didn't know what I was doing last night," as though this excuses one from personal responsibility. Such an attitude is disgraceful, for it suggests that if alcohol is consumed in large quantities, no one is responsible for their actions. I encourage everyone at Hamilton to consider this argument the next time their friends try to blame their violent actions on their alcoholism.

If the campus-wide destruction last weekend was not alcohol-related, we must all consider how it is possible that Hamilton accepts this type of student. Undue violence, in the absence of alcohol, is something I would never have expected at one of the top colleges in the country. This behavior is more at home in the "combat zone" of large cities than on an isolated hilltop in a remote region of upstate New York. It is a direct reflection of a lack of judgment, responsibility, and self-restraint. Hamilton cannot afford to accept such senseless students.

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Hamilton College on collision course with reality

Chris Albro

Guest Columnist

I know that there have already been too many articles written about the decline of Hamilton's reputation. Forgive me for writing another, but I feel that no one has has touched on the root of the school's troubles. I do not intend to whine about the poor quality of Hamilton's students nor their apathy and lack of intellectual conviction. I would simply like to share a personal observation which, I feel, accounts for many of these symptoms of our academic stagnation: most students at this school are unhappy with some or all aspects of their lives here.

Despite what you might read in *The Spectator* or hear from Admissions or other booster organizations, most students have some real complaints about this place and share their discontent with their peers at school and at home. These complaints cannot be dismissed as simply the whining of malcontents nor can it be entirely attributed to our isolated location. Because of the way Hamilton decides its policies and enforces them, the majority of students here feel disenfranchised form the school and isolated from the way this school is run.

The conventional wisdom of Hamilton College implies that Hamilton is going downhill because of the poor quality of the students and the non-intellectual atmosphere here on campus. It was with this wisdom that the Administration has launched its Residential Life survey, its fraternity witch hunt, its alcohol policy, its severe standards of punishment for students' frustration-born rash acts, and even perhaps its draconian parking enforcement. The simple formula to improve Hamilton is to mold it to fit the needs of the ideal student. This student is enthralled in his or her classes and thirsty for knowledge inside and outside of the classroom. Far from being interested in such things as drinking and cavorting around campus, the ideal student feels that college is for studying, not partying. He or she would like his or her living and studying space to be free of the disturbances provoked by a neighbor's vices. This student's life revolves around academia and the caprices of their favorite professor/mentor. The only complaints of the ideal student relate to the unintellectual facets of the college such as fraternities, poor student discipline, and bad media. To appease these students, the college is trying to clean up the school and protect the community from the disgusting behavior of the less serious student. But reality keeps confounding the college's attempts to improve our reputation by sterilizing the school. The reality is that this ideal student represents not only a very small minority of the college community in general, it also reflects a very small minority of the good, high-quality students that Hamilton should be attracting.

By trying to force its idealized model onto the Hamilton reality, the reformers of this school are simply alienating the majority of students here, good and bad, who do not have such a studious approach to their life on campus. Those students feel completely unrepresented in the faculty and administration who seem to be pursuing policies that conflict directly with their preferred behavior. This breeds the dynamic of distrust that has become so characteristic of the College.

Students distrust the administration because it enacts unrealistic and restrictive rules and tries to enforce them. The alcohol policy is the most obvious example. There are few at this school who do not realize how futile and ill-conceived this policy is. Nonetheless, for the few of us who do not drink and never attend parties with alcohol, I will briefly recount its shortcomings. First of all it all but eliminates on-campus non-fraternity parties. Lets face it, any party with little or no alcohol will be unattended. Second, even fraternity parties are strongly restricted. This leads to two options for students who want to drink during their social activities (that is the vast majority of students): they can either drive down to a bar or drink in their rooms. Both of these options are potentially dangerous and neither are likely to build community.

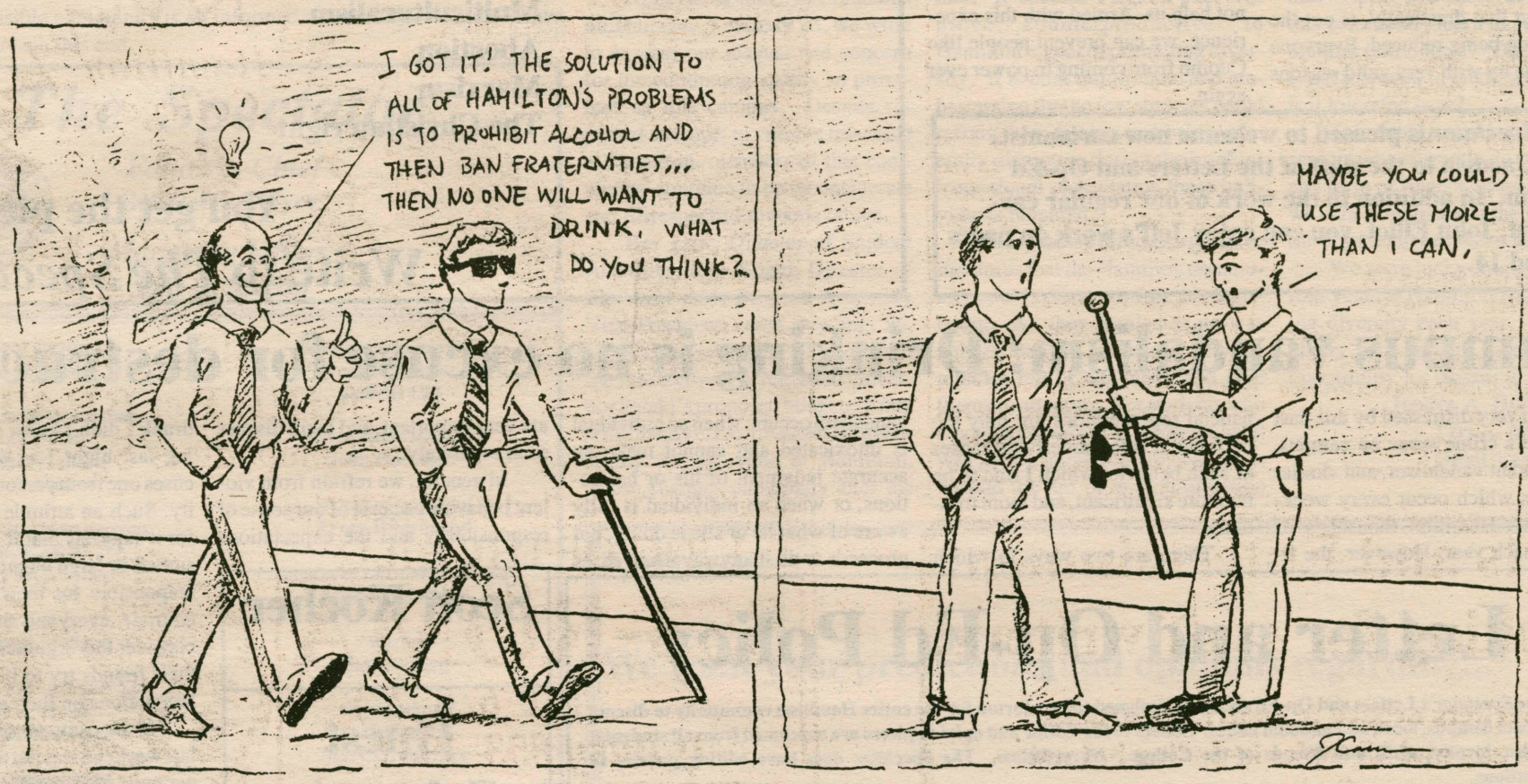
Distrust also reigns in many RA-student relationships. Students cannot trust their Resident Advisors because it is their duty to enforce the ridiculous rules laid down by the Administration. This is also a widely recognized problem. A student should never have to feel that he or she has to be careful about their actions in the privacy of their own room for fear that an RA might be lurking in the hallway.

There is distrust between RAs and the Administration because if an RA acts reasonably in a situation of, for example, underage drinking on his hall and decides not to enforce the school's shameful policies, he or she risks serious reprimand. RAs are asked to turn in their humanity and tolerance when they take the job and, frighteningly, some of them seem to have complied with this requirement.

This distrust compounds the disenfranchisement of the majority of the student body. Why should any student express his or her opinions, run for office, or try to change anything if he or she does not believe that the Administration has any interest in the opinions or feelings of the students? Administration officials have demonstrated time and time again that they are not to be trusted because they are more interested in their own agendas than the desires of the student body.

This school has always had parties and an academic reputation. It attracted good students because they expected to have a good college experience (on both social and academic levels) and because Hamilton alumni had strong emotional connections to the school because of their experience. The school attracted good students because it offered what most people wanted: good academics and good times. If you remove the good times, quality students who are looking for this integral part of college life will listen to the complaints of their elders at Hamilton and will simply choose another school. If the school's unrealistic alcohol policy and social and residential reforms come into effect, this school's appeal will plummet and with it, its reputation for excellence.

This school and the students who are satisfied with the direction of the school's reforms (if there are any such students) should dare to face reality: most people like leisure more than work. If the mix between these two activities at Hamilton continues to defy this principle, catering only to the needs of the ideal student, the real student will not come here. I certainly would not recommend the school to him or her unless, of course, he or she did not have the grades to attend a better college.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Horoscopes by Madame Morgana for the week of Feb. 26th-March 4th

Earth

Virgo (Aug 24-Sept 23)
Lucky color: sea shell pink
Although the work load seems unending, take time to relax and read a good book. Maybe even read a oldbedtime story to that special someone. They love it when you baby them.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)
Lucky color: purple
Don't let unhappy situations get you down. Everything will work out for the best as long as you keep a positive attitude. Remember, you can always count on your friends. They care about you a lot and will support you always.

Taurus(April 21-May 21)
Lucky color: sea foam green
Make sure you get your priorities in order. It will help you organize and plan ahead for a testing period soon to come. Draw a picture of a friend and send it through campus mail. He/She will love the little things you do for them.

Air

Libra (Sept 24-Oct 23)
Lucky color: baby blue
Read a really trashy novel to get your mind off of the overcritical people around you. Remember, you know what is best for you and you have to go after it for yourself. Some things are worth fighting for, this one might be.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)
Lucky color: peach
Study, study , study ... now is the time to really show off in front of your professors. You have so much ability. All you need is to do is devote a little time and you will really wow them. Kissing up never hurt anyone.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 19)
Lucky color: mint green
Your spirit needs a break, go dancing this weekend. The physical exertion will make you feel so much better. Just go out and be silly, it can't hurt. Everyone needs to let loose once in a while, even you.

Fire

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)
Lucky color: ink blue
New prospects look good. If you take your time in new adventures you could discover something very special. Let a certain capricorn know you are there for him/her. Your support means a lot, and so does your silence. Don't let inaction speak for itself.

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)
Lucky color: rasberry
Be careful walking around outside this week. Those puddles may not be as frozen as you think. Of course, if you decide to go puddle hopping, that's a different situation all together. Make sure you know the difference between a lake and a puddle, the seemingly simple information might come in handy.

Leo (July 23-Aug 23)
Lucky color:strawberry
Someone far away thinks about you a lot. Don't let others influence your feelings for that special friend. Absence sometimes makes the heart grow fonder. Go with what you feel is right for you. Because if it isn't right for you, what good is it?

Water

Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 21)
Lucky color: deep red
Let yourself wake up late this week. It is important to catch up on that much needed sleep. A nap is not out of the question, in fact plan on one. They tend to refresh and revive you after a long night.

Pisces (Feb 20-Mar 20)
Lucky color: fuschia
Even though a certain Libra doesn't seem to notice, he/she will soon come around. Don't give up yet! Maybe you need to be a little bolder. If you want something you may have to work for it.

Cancer (June 22-July 23)
Lucky color:pea green
Stop overanalyzing the love situation. Some relationships can't work out for anything more than fun. Just go with the flow for once. But don't get taken by the undertow. Error on the side of caution.

The Brady Bunch Movie gets laughs

By Gabe Meyer '96
A&E guest reviewer

What happens when the Brady family of the 1970's is transplanted into the 1990's? This premise is the driving force behind the recently released *Brady Bunch Movie*. Complete with their idealistic attitudes and bad polyester clothing, here they are, the Brady's living in the Los Angeles of the 1990's. For diehard fans of the *Brady Bunch* TV series, which was produced from 1969 until 1974, this movie is full of laughs, a relentless parody of all upon which the TV show was based.

Mike Brady (Gary Cole) is the patriarch of the household, forever spouting parental truisms. His wife Carol (Shelley Long) plays the non-working Brady mother. Girl-crazy Greg (Christopher Daniel Barnes) remains continually unsuccessful in his efforts to woo a girl of his dreams ("How are you doing, groovy chick?") while Jan (Jennifer Elise Cox), the chronically troubled middle child forever plots against her older sister Marcia (Christine Taylor) who runs a brush through her hair five thousand times each morning and outdoes her in everything she tries.

There is not much to the movie's plot which revolves around the efforts of the Bradys' sinister neighbor Mr. Ditmeyer (Michael McKean) to drive them from their home so he can construct a shopping mall in its location. This is, by the way, the same house that appears in the TV show, complete with astroturf for grass and orange formica countertops in the kitchen.

The Brady's are an insanely upbeat family, without problems to the point of hysteria at times. "Put on your Sunday best, kids," says Mike when he comes up with the money needed to pay a tax bill on the house. "We're going to Sears." Even when all seems lost later on, and their house is about to be sold in a sheriff's auction when he comes up short of cash, the Brady kids declare that having a home does not matter. After all, the important thing is that they are Brady's and they have each other. "I couldn't have said that any better myself," Mike concedes, "But let me try anyway."

The Brady's blind optimism is the source of some of the movie's greatest laughs. "I think he's asking for a jack," says Marcia when she and Greg become victims of an attempted carjacking while driving to school in the family's 1970's model station wagon.

When their neighbors converse among themselves, other aspects of the Brady lifestyle come to light. One neighbor who was once inside their house questions how nine people share one bathroom. "I never did once see a toilet," he adds.

The movie includes several cameo appearances by various members of the old TV show's cast, including, Barry Williams, the player of Greg in the TV show who confront the movie's Greg when he escorts him out of his recording studio.

The Brady Bunch movie is not a piece of fine drama and is not recommended for those who have never seen the TV show. Much of it is a direct spoof of various episodes of the show. The movie is light-hearted, but enjoyable, quite funny and highly recommended for *Brady Bunch* fans. It is playing locally at the Sangertown Square Cinemas.

The Brady Bunch Movie
plot: ***
acting: ***
writing: ****
overall: ****
Date quotient: High (if you are both *Brady Bunch* fans.)

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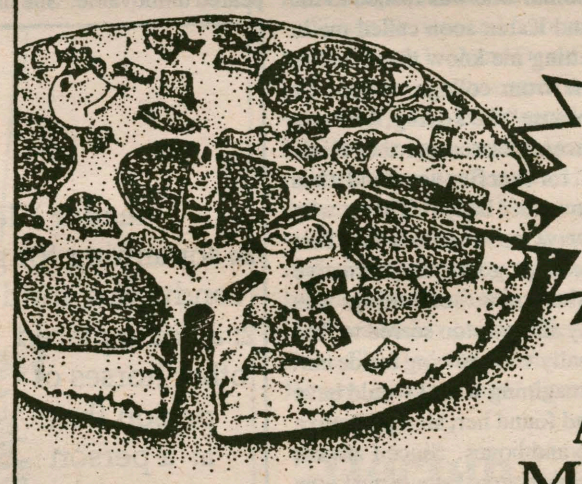

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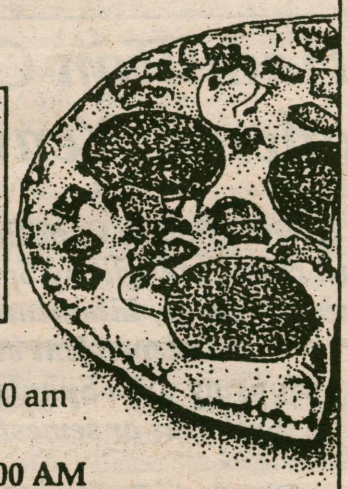

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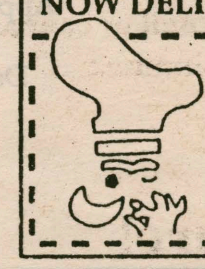

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The Silent Yellow, original fiction for A&E

By Emily Beth Merkin '96
A&E staff writer

Last night, I dreamt I was dying. It wasn't one of those silent dreams, when I am remotely watching the sway and billow of trees in the distance. It was a dream full of pain and agony; and when I awoke I could only think of my mother, and the pain she has forced me to live with.

Today I again took residence in the forth floor hospital waiting room, not alone, unfortunately; but with my sister Karen who still lives in L.A. and works in entertainment law. Our father came by yesterday and "couldn't stay long." After the divorce he can only take my mother in small doses, even when she's comatose.

I have a hard time spending my days in the hospital like this. They keep everything extremely quite so that when I breathe, I feel like I'm making too much noise. And when I walk down the toilet bowl clean halls, I hear my boots say "Click click, Click click," and my nose is filled with the interplay of my own smells and disinfectant. In my first days of waiting I would take to walking the halls, making my rounds, creating noise simply because it was something to do. Yet even now, not a week later, I am tired of that; and have taken to going on walks in the kidney shaped garden.

I try to stay away from the nursery floor, because it hurts to see so many helpless faces.

Today I have planted myself on the burnt orange plush of the lounge couch, my feet propped on the faux wood coffee table, my coffee on the matching stand to my left. Karen will come by every so often and sit down across from me on the long couch, otherwise she stays in the quiet vacuum of my mother's room. I used to go in there alone to talk to her, but eventually I ran out of things to say; so I tried listening instead. In that quiet the silence would speak, and it would tell me tales of my mother's eventual death. It would tell me what the cancer was doing. Yesterday it told me how the cancer grew, how it migrated across and down her body.

I learned that cancer not only mutates, but it feeds as well.

Karen clicks down the hall towards me, Chinese chicken salad in one hand, Diet Coke in the other. I want to light up a cigarette, but this is a hospital, and I have been thanked for not smoking every time I open a door. I notice that Karen's hair is redder than it used to be, that it bounces up and down like a large cotton ball when she walks, that she shakes as she tries to eat. We don't speak. We haven't much to say. Of course I dream of the day I can tell her how I really feel, how she ruined it for me, how she left me in her tidal wave to struggle alone, unnoticed. But telling her off would be playing into the expected: jealous, resentful, younger one blames the older, more sophisticated sister for all her problems. It reads too much like a bad script.

So I just look through her.

Karen was the one who found our mother in bed watching television; I think *All My Children* was on, so it must have been between twelve and one-o'clock. Even years before, when our parents got divorced in the eighties, our mother never went to work; so chances are she would be around when one of us came home, watching her soaps. Unless, of course, when she was at her luncheons at the Brentwood Country Club.

That day Karen thought she had merely fallen asleep, but in fact she had entered a coma. She was rushed to the hospital, and Karen soon called me in Denver, letting me know that I had to come home from college as soon as possible because "she's dying, Rebecca. She has cancer, breast cancer, they think. She's had it for over five years and it has spread all over her body." That is why she was always too weak to work. That is why she kept going to alternative doctors: she knew something was wrong, only she was too scared to find out what really was growing inside her.

I keep imagining what I would have done if I had found her, slumped into a ball of skin and bones. Since I am not the responsible Karen, I would not know what to do in a situation like that. My mother made sure that I understood I wasn't her Karen. How I wish I could wipe away all the hateful things my mother has ever said, how I wish I could erase all the times Karen went along with my mother, conspiring against me. When I was younger I hated Karen because she was more like my mother, I hated her because I could never become what she already was. Instead, my goal was to be whatever she was not.

I used to put this map of Ireland up on my wall over my desk, and dream I was an Irish Catholic.

Years after my Bat Mitsvah, I took the commemorative pictures off the Laura Ashley walls and hid them, under sweaters, socks, dog food. I never wanted to see them again. I even went as far as to wear a crucifix on a gold chain under all my clothing, not caring what it meant as long as it wasn't what Karen would wear, would believe in. Every time the fights started, my mother would come storming through the hall, knocking the world over with her tiny body, I would rush into my room, throw the door shut, bolt it, and take the crucifix from the depths of my clothing and rub it feverishly. It had become my only way out, my only way into my green, pleasant world of Catholic Ireland.

My mother lies, nearly dead, down the hall. Yesterday was the last time I saw her, and her body was clenched in a position that revealed the pain's patterns, the way pain moved through her body with the secrets of her nervous system. Yet through all of this internal chaos she lay still, and appeared unmovable. She had become an ornament in a large hospital room, a silent fixture in a hospital bed, dressed in barely-there blue. She is still that shadow of a person, and as the family comes by for their late day visits, Karen is the one that fills them all in, that comforts them; and later collapses in tears across from me. I wish I could go and put my arm around her in her Armani suit, I wish I could show that I care for her. But I don't know how honest it would be, for I am not clear whether or not I do care for her. I just don't feel anything any more.

I am eating a late night dinner, when I see the nurses speeding down the hall to my mother's room, the trays on the carts making a "bump-bump, bump-bump" sound on the tiles as they roll past. I follow their white streak and peer in through the tiny door window. Karen is inside saying, "Mom! Mom, please stay...." Through the machinery I try to get a good look at my mom, a last look at her. She looks hollow and yellow, although she isn't hollow at all.

I focus on her yellow skin, on the respirators pumping, on the stagnate air, on the electronics buzzing. I am suddenly hit with the confrontation of her death, I can see her slipping away, I can smell the rotting flesh. It begins to squeeze through the cracks of the door, up my sensitive nose. I run down the the road of tiles, past the information center, past all the pastel flower paintings, to the bathroom.

I throw open the pale blue metal door to the toilet and vomit. I feel all the food I just managed down shoot up my throat, past my teeth. I feel my body squeeze it all out of me, contraction after contraction. A few minutes later only acid comes up, slipping into all the crevices in my teeth, eating away at all of my mouth, my throat, my thick tongue.

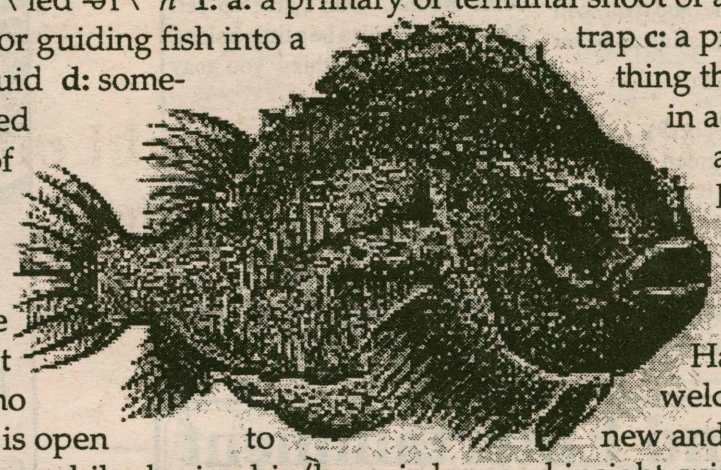
I stay in that bathroom for a good half hour because I know she is dead.

I realize that I will probably have to cry for the body as the Rabbi's men lower it into the swollen ground. I may even have to go and visit it, years later, knowing that she is not down there with the degrading organic mass. Perhaps I will bring it some yellow roses. I know that eventually I will miss her; I will miss her and hate her as if she had suddenly disappeared, like someone missing in action.

At the funeral I might look at the leathery thing they call my mother and try to understand why she slowly brought out the hate in me, why she didn't try to stop the mass growing inside her, why she was a Republican. And although I may never understand, I am afraid of forgetting my life with her. I am afraid that she will become a memory that appears in my network of dreams, that she will show herself on street corners years from now and blankly stare at me. I am afraid that I will forget her face, her smell, her hard laughter, her snore.

I fear that I will someday even think that she loved me, and that her eventual death wasn't indirect suicide at all, but fate.

leader \'lēd-ər\ *n* **1: a:** a primary or terminal shoot of a plant **b:** something for guiding fish into a trap **c:** a pipe for conducting fluid **d:** something that ranks first **2:** a horse placed in advance of the other horses of a team **3:** a person that leads: as **a:** a person who has commanding influence **b:** a unique student at Hamilton College who welcomes a challenge and is open to new and exciting experiences while sharing his/her wisdom and insight with others.



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Odadaa! to perform in Wellin Friday

Odadaa!, an exciting and energetic company of 11 musicians, dancers and singers from Ghana, will perform at Hamilton College on Friday, February 24, at 8 p.m., in Wellin Hall.

Yacub Addy, master drummer and *Odadaa!*'s founder, and his troupe have played the polyrhythms of the Ghana people throughout the U.S. and abroad. They have performed at such prestigious locations as The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, The Smithsonian Institution's festival of Folklife, and the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee. In addition, *Odadaa!* was the subject of the documentary film "Dance Like A River."

Odadaa! performs powerful, awe-inspiring and vibrant music that is firmly rooted in the African past. Using traditional African instruments of all shapes, sizes and appearances, they create songs ranging from fierce and sinister to playful. The array of instruments includes wrought-iron bells, clappers, wooden flutes, and an incredible variety of stick and hand-beaten drums. Throughout the concert, Addy points out the more unique instruments and provides a brief, fascinating description.

The African tradition also comes out in the nature of *Odadaa!*'s performances. As Suzanne Levy of *The Washington Post* stated, "With *Odadaa!* it is not easy to draw the line between music and dance... One of the great virtues of this company is its ability to re-create the feeling of a traditional festival in theatrical spaces.

The performance is a part of the 1994-1995 Hamilton Performing Arts Series. Admission is $13 for the general public and $4 for students.

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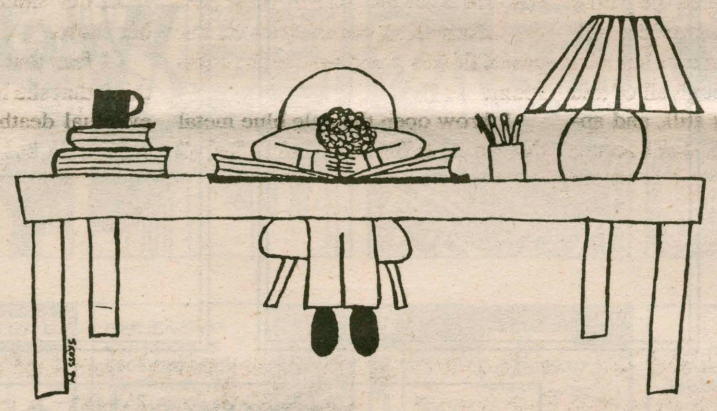

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Hamilton graduate to present solo piece in Minor Theater

An active local performer will present his most recent creation, "Distractions," on Saturday, February 25, at 8 p.m. in Minor Theatre.

David Lloyd, a faculty member of the Arts in Education Institute of the Central New York Community Arts Council, is the Choir master and organist for St. James Episcopal Church in Clinton. Recently, he premiered "Distractions" and another solo piece, "What's in the Refrigerator," at the Kirkland Art Center.

Admission to Lloyd's performance will be $5 for the general public and $3 for students. The performance is part of the Minor Events Series, sponsored by the Department of Theatre and Dance at Hamilton.

"Distractions" presents a comedic portrayal of an introspective experience of a 1990s charactergoing through a journey of self-discovery. Lloyd considers the manner in which various original piano works are integrated with the monologue to be one of the most distinctive features of the show.

A Hamilton graduate, Lloyd also holds bachelor's and master's degrees in composition from McGill University.

A&E congratulates Ted Monoson, Rob Gray and Mark Castaldi for their outstanding performance in *American Buffalo*

The Nields to perform at Kirkland Art Center

One of the most rocking bands at last summer's Newport Folk Festival, The Nields, will be featured at the Kirkland Art Center Coffeehouse on Friday, February 24. Opening for the Nields is Hamilton College Senior Jess Klein. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Nields have been labeled acoustic folk, alternative/folk and folk/rock, but whatever they're called is irrelevant, their youthful enthusiasm and fresh engaging sound are carrying them beyond the folk community into a wider audience. A Nields' concert includes strong, spirited performance, great lyrics and tight harmonies.

Sisters Nerissa and Katryna Nields and Narissa's husband David (he took her last name) are the core of the group, currently based in Connecticut. The Nield sisters have perfected a rich blend of interwoven harmonies and David's driving rhythms and blues lead guitar work provide the energy that immediately distinguishes the act from fellow travelers on the circuit. Last year, the Nields added a bassist, New Yorker Dave Chalfant and a drummer, Dave Hower, giving a new dimension to their already distinctive sound. "In between songs, they are funny and witty, and I predict the liveliest, bounciest group to ever play at the KAC Coffeehouse," said Ginger Parker, coordinator of the series, now in its 13th year.

Jess Klein '95 is a singer/songwriter with a big voice and a growing popularity in the area folk community since her opening acts for the recent Internet Quartet series. Klein's lyrics and style impressed "Disappear Fear," a group she opened for at Hamilton's Acoustic Coffeehouse series, so much that they invited her to open for them at a concert this coming spring.

Tickets are $9 and may be purchased in advance or, if available, at the door. This concert is made possible, in part, by funding from New York State Council on the Arts. Concerts are held in the gallery of the art center amidst the current exhibition of art. Refreshments are available. For further information, phone the Art Center at 853-8871

"Doctuh" Mike Woods to present the Jazz Experience

Local musician and jazz instructor "Doctuh" Mike Woods has assembled six prominent jazz artists from throughout the country to present The African-American "Jazz Experience," on Monday, February 27, at 8 p.m. The performance, celebrating Black History Month, will be held in the Fillius Events Barn at Hamilton College. Admission is free.

The concert features Woods on bass, Bill Banfield on guitar, Derek Reeves on violin, Ken Lee Grand on saxophone, Carlton Holmes on keyboards and Jakubn Griffin handling percussion. Music will include original compositions by both Banfield and Woods.

Woods is the director and bassist of the Zoe Jazz Band, holds a doctorate in composition from the University of Oklahoma, and is presently an assistant professor of Afro-American Studies and director of The Black Popular Art Ensemble at Indiana University. In addition, he has a doctorate of musical arts from the University of Michigan.

A student at Indiana University who has mastered the jazz language, Reeves is a regular performer in the clubs of Indianapolis. Grand, a respected instructor and musician who has performed throughout Europe, is a multi-talented musician who plays the saxophone, flute, clarinet and wind synthesizer.

A talented pianist and composer, Holmes has toured throughout the United States and overseas. He has performed in numerous jazz festivals and concerts, including an engagement with the Mingus Big Band. Jakubn Griffin, a gifted drummer and percussionist, is a member of "Doctuh" Woods' Zoe Jazz Ensemble and an instructor in Ohio.

Calendar & Movies

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24 *Friday*

7:30 **Film: Koyanisqatsi.** Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.*$

8:00 **HPAS.** "Odadaa!" Drummers and Dancers from Ghana. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.$

25 *Saturday*

7:30 **Acappella Concert.** Hamiltones, Buffers, and Special K. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.

8:00 **Lecture.** "Racism: 20th Century France." M. David Chireau Sponsored by African Studies Dept., BLSU, ISA, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Office of the President.

10:00 **Film: Koyanisqatsi.** Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.*$

26 *Sunday*

1:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.

7:30 **Film: Koyanisqatsi.** Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. *$

27 *Monday*

11:00-12:00 **Conversations with President Gene Tobin.** Beinecke Village.

3:00 & 7:30 **College Course 300 Film: Akira Kurosawa, Rashomon (Japan '50).** Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.*

8:00 **Concert.** Celebration of African-American History Month. "Doctuh" Mike Woods and six African-American artists. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.

9:00 **GLBSA Weekly Meeting.** Second Floor Lounge, Keehn Residence Hall.

28 *Tuesday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.

4:30 **Discussion.** "Relationship between Faith and Life." Jay G. Williams, Religious Studies Depaartment. Sponsored by the Chaplaincy. North Lounge, Bristol Campus Center.

5:30 **Chinese Table.** Room 104, McEwen Hall.

8:00 **AAUP Journal Club Lecture.** "Neutrality and the University." Robert L. Simon, Philosophy Department. Assembly Room, Bristol Campus Center.

1 *Wednesday*

12:00 **Ash Wednesday Service.** Chapel.

3:00 & 7:30 **College Course 300 Film: Gene Kelly and Stanley Donan, Singin' in the Rain (USA '52).** Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.*

4:15 **Lecture.** "Race, Gender and Radical Politics." Ula Taylor, Black Panthers. Sponsored by the History Department. Red Pit, Kirner-Johnson Building.

2 *Thursday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.

5:30 **Alcoholics Anonymous.** Open meeting: all are welcome. Fisher Room, Bristol Campus Center.

Have a Nice Weekend!

MOVIES

Sangertown 797-2121

The Hunted 7, 9:50
Heavy Weights 7:05, 9:20
Legends of the Fall 6:35, 9:35
The Brady Bunch Movie 7:20, 9:25
Just Cause 6:45, 9:15
Walking Dead 7:10, 9:40
Billy Madison 7:15, 9:45
Boys on the Side 6:50
The Quick and the Dead 10:00
Forest Gump 6:30, 9:30

Clinton Cinema 853-5553

Pulp Fiction 7:00
The Quick and the Dead 9:35
Far From Home 2:00

Up Town 797-0020

Nobody's Fool
Hoop Dreams
(times not available)

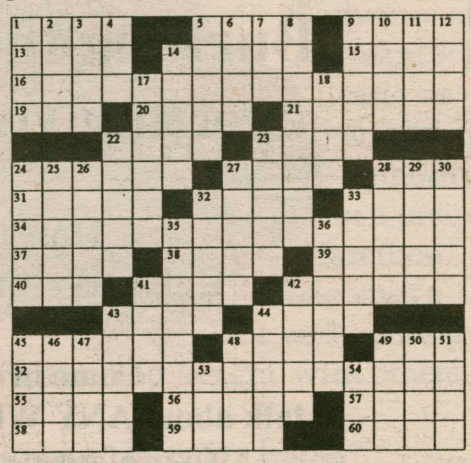
On Campus

Koyanisqatsi
Fri., Sat., Sun., @7:30

Matinees are for weekends only.
Clinton Cinema has only Saturday matinees

Crossword 101

" Oscar Nostalgia " By Gerry Frey



ACROSS
1 Airplane staircase
5 Spanish house
9 Prolonged unconsciousness
13 On the briny
14 Follows root or ear
15 Perjurer
16 *1965 Oscar winner*
19 Place
20 Mr. Clinton, e.g.
21 Mutineers
22 Pastries
23 Lions' houses
24 Scottish children
27 Rock group
28 Barkeep Malone
31 ____ Lauder
32 Mr. Baldwin
33 Top & bottom joiner
34 *1984 Oscar nominee*
37 Religions:Abr.
38 Obit words
39 Bird's claw
40 Arid
41 Landers and Richards
42 Hug
43 Horse's gait
44 North or south follower
45 Beat an incumbent
48 Garment of India
49 Bill Cosby's nickname
52 *1987 Oscar nominee*
55 Above
56 Warble
57 Italian volcano
58 Theological schls.
59 Ireland
60 Jump

DOWN
1 Informers:Slang
2 Tennis world's Arthur
3 Get together
4 Dads
5 Walking sticks
6 Conjunctions
7 ___ Paulo
8 Outdoors
9 Card suit
10 French river
11 Post Office forte
12 Curves
14 Remedies
17 Thinks
18 Word before room
22 Iron
23 Watches the calories
24 Facial hair
25 Ancient money
26 Florence's country
27 Swiss painter Paul & family
28 Sneak up to
29 Spanish goodbye
30 Medians
32 Representative
33 Trap
35 Note
36 Font type
41 Russian sea
42 Reef material
43 Rips
44 Speak in french
45 Unidentified flying objects
46 Church part
47 Slender stalk
48 Child's direction
49 Quote an authority
50 Chaplin's wife
51 ____, crackle, pop !
53 Three prefix
54 Telephone:Abr.

Quotable Quote

" Acting is all about honesty. If you can fake that, youv'e got it made. "

George Burns

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Doonesbury
BY G.B. TRUDEAU

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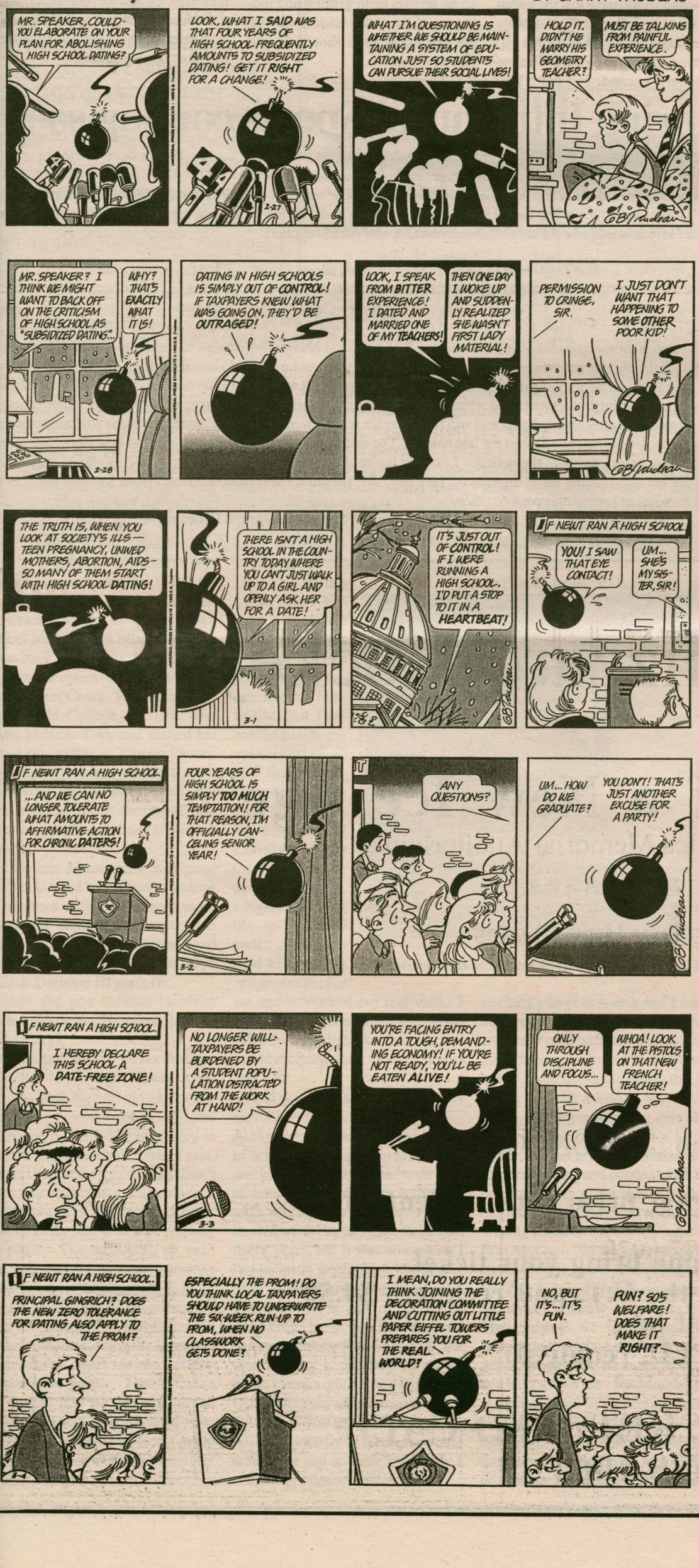
BY GARRY TRUDEAU


MR. SPEAKER, COULD YOU ELABORATE ON YOUR PLAN FOR ABOLISHING HIGH SCHOOL DATING?
LOOK, WHAT I SAID WAS THAT FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL FREQUENTLY AMOUNTS TO SUBSIDIZED DATING! GET IT RIGHT FOR A CHANGE!
2-27
WHAT I'M QUESTIONING IS WHETHER WE SHOULD BE MAINTAINING A SYSTEM OF EDUCATION JUST SO STUDENTS CAN PURSUE THEIR SOCIAL LIVES!
HOLD IT. DIDN'T HE MARRY HIS GEOMETRY TEACHER?
MUST BE TALKING FROM PAINFUL EXPERIENCE.
MR. SPEAKER? I THINK WE MIGHT WANT TO BACK OFF ON THE CRITICISM OF HIGH SCHOOL AS "SUBSIDIZED DATING"...
WHY? THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT IS!
2-28
DATING IN HIGH SCHOOLS IS SIMPLY OUT OF CONTROL! IF TAXPAYERS KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON, THEY'D BE OUTRAGED!
LOOK, I SPEAK FROM BITTER EXPERIENCE! I DATED AND MARRIED ONE OF MY TEACHERS!
THEN ONE DAY I WOKE UP AND SUDDENLY REALIZED SHE WASN'T FIRST LADY MATERIAL!
PERMISSION TO CRINGE, SIR.
I JUST DON'T WANT THAT HAPPENING TO SOME OTHER POOR KID!
THE TRUTH IS, WHEN YOU LOOK AT SOCIETY'S ILLS — TEEN PREGNANCY, UNWED MOTHERS, ABORTION, AIDS — SO MANY OF THEM START WITH HIGH SCHOOL DATING!
THERE ISN'T A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY TODAY WHERE YOU CAN'T JUST WALK UP TO A GIRL AND OPENLY ASK HER FOR A DATE!
3-1
IT'S JUST OUT OF CONTROL! IF I WERE RUNNING A HIGH SCHOOL, I'D PUT A STOP TO IT IN A HEARTBEAT!
IF NEWT RAN A HIGH SCHOOL
YOU! I SAW THAT EYE CONTACT!
UM... SHE'S MY SISTER, SIR!
IF NEWT RAN A HIGH SCHOOL
...AND WE CAN NO LONGER TOLERATE WHAT AMOUNTS TO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR CHRONIC DATERS!
FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL IS SIMPLY TOO MUCH TEMPTATION! FOR THAT REASON, I'M OFFICIALLY CANCELING SENIOR YEAR!
3-2
ANY QUESTIONS?
UM... HOW DO WE GRADUATE?
YOU DON'T! THAT'S JUST ANOTHER EXCUSE FOR A PARTY!
IF NEWT RAN A HIGH SCHOOL
I HEREBY DECLARE THIS SCHOOL A DATE-FREE ZONE!
NO LONGER WILL TAXPAYERS BE BURDENED BY A STUDENT POPULATION DISTRACTED FROM THE WORK AT HAND!
3-3
YOU'RE FACING ENTRY INTO A TOUGH, DEMANDING ECONOMY! IF YOU'RE NOT READY, YOU'LL BE EATEN ALIVE!
ONLY THROUGH DISCIPLINE AND FOCUS...
WHOA! LOOK AT THE PISTOLS ON THAT NEW FRENCH TEACHER!
IF NEWT RAN A HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL GINGRICH? DOES THE NEW ZERO TOLERANCE FOR DATING ALSO APPLY TO THE PROM?
3-4
ESPECIALLY THE PROM! DO YOU THINK LOCAL TAXPAYERS SHOULD HAVE TO UNDERWRITE THE SIX-WEEK RUN-UP TO PROM, WHEN NO CLASSWORK GETS DONE?
I MEAN, DO YOU REALLY THINK JOINING THE DECORATION COMMITTEE AND CUTTING OUT LITTLE PAPER EIFFEL TOWERS PREPARES YOU FOR THE REAL WORLD?
NO, BUT IT'S... IT'S FUN.
FUN? SO'S WELFARE! DOES THAT MAKE IT RIGHT?

Personals

To the Girl who goes to the bathroom three times a day or once every three days -

Told you this would be in The Spec.

- Ray

For the Hamilton community-

Anyone who recorded "90210" last Wednesday, please give me a call at x0199.

-Gabe Cid

Khirt, Lisa, Albert, Tony-squared, and everyone who participated in Asian New Year.-

Hey, great work guys! Did you get that nap yet?

-L.S. Wong

Heng, Kou, and the Thai Dancers-

Excuse me, what was that step again?

-Lisa

Amy-

Good erhu-ing! So what are you playing next year?

-Lisa

Hak-

I couldn't go one week without you being in the paper. Fortunately I decided not to curse us all with one more stupid thing that came out of your mouth. God knows there's more than enough material.

-J

Marta and Joe,

Keep up your good work of cutting each other at the dinner table.

-U Know Who

To the ununun wobular one :

Nimesaay reaay artoonscay.

-The unwobular one.

To the one whose surprise was spoiled,

At least this is a surprise for you!

-Mr. Adieter.

Becca,

I truly think GREEN is a good color. Perhaps others do too..

-your sometimes roomie and coffee bud

JH,

Sorry about the quotable, we ran out of space, but we'll put it in for you next week. We normally have lots of space.

Spec. Crew

"We all must evolveand go in love"

-Professor Patrick Finley and cult leader Martin team up

Answer to last week's crossword puzzle

" Yuletide "

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Men's Squash headed to Nationals at Princeton

By Mark Lilienthal '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

As the Hamilton men's squash team headed off to Vassar College last weekend, they knew they would face some powerful foes. After all, the regular season was a fait accompli. The trip to Vassar was a chance for the team to prove themselves at the New York State Squash Championships. If they had a good weekend, they had the chance to earn a trip to Princeton for a shot at the Nationals.

With all this craziness running through their worried but excited minds, the squad stepped up to the plate...and delivered a clutch hit. The team finished the weekend at 3-2 and is headed for Princeton on Friday. How did they do it? Was it the plush EconoLodge accomodations? Or was it their diet? Was it simply their desire? Was it luck? To tell the truth, it was probably a combination of all of the above. A conversation with Rob Carrigg '95 yielded a plethora of information and key insight.

Here is essentially what he told the Spec: The three teams that the Contintentals defeated were Bard, Stony Brook, and in the key match of the weekend, an exhilarating nail-biter with Columbia. Carrigg said that in that 5-4 thriller, the squad pulled together really well. Perhaps the most exciting match within the match was played by McRae Sykes '95, who won in a tiebreak. Carrigg noted that if Sykes had lost his match, the squad would have lost the match, as well as their shot at the Nationals. When asked about the chance to play at Princeton, Carrigg said "I'm tremendously excited. I've never been in my four years, so it should be a kick."

However, the team does have to face the Vassar squad at Princeton, a team that defeated them at States 7-2. The other loss came at the formidable hands of Hobart. But, with some serious teeth gritting and rolling up of the metaphorical sleeves, the Hamilton team should be just fine at Princeton.

There were some great individual performances at Vassar. Both Carrigg and Matt Sykes'95 finished the weekend 4-1. Overall, the team was really solid all the way around. While we bask in the February doldrums this weekend on the Hill, take a second and think about these young men in their quest for Hamilton glory. And don't be afraid to talk squash with them...they are patient with even the most ignorant fools.

Women's Swimming win N.Y. State Championships

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promised at least 6 would be making the trip, with those making the "A" cut given preference. If Coach Thompson's prediction come true, it would be the most competitors that the Hamilton women have sent to the national meet. As for the team's projected finish at the nationals, Thompson expects the team to improve on last year's 21st position, forecasting a potential finish in the top ten. In addition, Thompson hopes for a repeat All-American performance from Sichol and perhaps others. The top 8 finishers in each event earn All-American status.

The Hamilton women's swim team has done us proud. Congratulations to Coach Thompson and all the swimmers on a job well done and we wish you the best of luck at Nationals!

Spring Intramural Sports coming soon

Get ready to start the Spring Intramural season now. With basketball, hockey, and racquetball finishing up, it's time to get ready for softball, indoor soccer, and indoor tennis. The rosters for all of these sports are due by March 8th. No rosters will be accepted after Spring Break, so make sure that you make the deadline. When signing up, don't forget to include a $10 forfeit fee for all team sports and a $5 fee for all individual sports. If you need any further information, contact me or the individual sports commissioners:

Indoor Soccer	**Jen Judson**	**x1301**
Softball	**Eric Hawrelak**	**x 1051**
Tennis	**Avery Cook**	**x 0145**

I also want to announce that the Hamilton 5 Mile Run is being reintroduced to the campus after a two year hiatus. In the past the run was organized by the RHC which has not functioned since the Spring of 1993. This event will take place on Sunday, April 23rd, at 10 am, and is open to all members of the college. The cost for students, faculty, and administrators will be $3 which includes a registration fee and a T-shirt to all participants. Applications will be available after Spring Break and will be due by the second week of April. Late registrations will be accepted, but we can not guarantee a T-shirt for late entries. The course is basically the 'Upper loop'. There is an 8$ fee for runners not associated with the college. Look for the applications and sign up.

We are also looking for volunteers for race day. All volunteers will receive a free T-shirt for their help. We look forward to seeing everyone out there.

Joe Caccavo, Student Intramural Coordinator
x1616

Utica Blizzard Hockey

"Dawn of a New Ice Age"
at the Utica Memorial Auditorium

Febuary Home Dates

FRI Feb 24 LONDON

$2.00 off ticket price with student I.D.

After game bring your ticket stub to the V.T. and recieve a $4.50 pitcher of beer (proper I.D. required)

For TICKET INFO CALL 738-1064

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Important Announcement:

On Sunday, February 26, Hamilton College will host a press conference coinciding with the announcement of the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Tournament Bracket. The conference will be held on the first floor of the Bristol Campus Center and will begin at 7:30 p.m. The event is open to the public, and refreshments will be provided. It will be an event that you won't want to miss!

The Garden Café's Athletes of the Week

—COMPILED BY SPECTATOR SPORTS

Women's Swim Team

STATISTICS:

--won first State Championship
--won 8 individual events, 3 relays
--10 National qualifiers

The Hamilton women's swimming team claimed its first-ever NYSWCA Championship this past weekend, edging out host institution Union by 32.5 points. Hamilton won eight individual events and three relays on their way to victory. The individual winners for Hamilton were Wendy Marrs '97 (50 free, 50 fly, 100 fly), Kate Quick '95 (100 free and 200 free), Maura Dalton '95 (200 fly), and Liz Sichol '96 (500 and1650 free). Sichol shattered the NYSWCAA Championship and Association records for the 500 free with a time of 5:05.45. Congratulations swimmers, you are the *Garden Cafe's Athletes of the Week!*

The All New Garden Café Restaurant and Strider's Lounge, located at 354A Norton Avenue at the Corner of Route 5, guarantees good food and great times. The Café is open 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Mon, Thurs-Sun. Tuesday hours are 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The Garden Cafe serves pizza, chicken wings, subs, and a late night breakfast. Hamilton students showing I.D. receive ten percent off at all times. Delivery (1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.) - Call 853-4571.

The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week receives a free pizza with the works courtesy of The Garden Café and its owner Tony Urbanowitz.

Cohen's Continental Corner: Interview with Jim Moran

BY BRIAN COHEN '96
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Jim Moran bleeds blue. For thirty years Jim has followed the Hamilton sports scene closely. He has seen his son, Jamie '94, play four years of varsity football for the Continentals. Furthermore, the past eleven seasons Jim has been the play-by-play announcer for Hamilton basketball games on WRUN 1150 am.

Jim grew up in Springfield, Massachusetts where he played high school football with Miami Dolphin great Nick Buonicotti. Before transferring to Western New England College he met Coach Tom Murphy at Springfield College. In 1962 Jim came to New York and started his illustrious career at Vernon Downs by keeping records of the horses. Soon after, Jim became the full time announcer as well as director of publicity and public relations at Vernon Downs.

Before Hamilton's win over SUNY-Utica, I had the good fortune to sit down with Jim to learn more about his announcing career, his views on Continental Basketball, and their chances for success in the 1995 NCAA Division III playoffs.

Q:How did you become involved with announcing Hamilton basketball games?

A:I started doing basketball at Hamilton 11 years ago. I knew Coach Murphy back from my days at Springfield and he came to me in 1983 and asked me if I would be interested in announcing basketball. And I said, 'Sure, I'll give it a try.' I really didn't have any experience doing basketball games but it was another kind of challenge for me. It fit well with my schedule. The racetrack, up until this year anyway, has been primarily a six or seven month track, leaving the off-season or the winter season free for this type of activity. The thing I like about doing the Hamilton games is that it gets me into a different circle of people. I pretty much get locked into the schedule at the race track seven months of the year. So this gets me into a different group of people. It has worked out well for me.

Q:Was play-by-play something that you have always wanted to do?

A:Well, in high school I always loved sports. I was a decent baseball, football, and basketball player. I can remember once as a young guy going over to a radio station and wanting to do high school basketball games on the air. Even when I first came out here, I talked to a radio station about either doing a sports show or doing some play-by-play. It didn't materialize at that time. I became busy with my career and my family life. But, I had coached both my sons in basketball so I had a background in it. I also did a little coaching at Springfield College. When Coach Murphy asked me about it, I figured I knew the sport pretty well. This was kind of a natural progression for me and it worked out real well. I didn't have a career goal to get to the NBA or anything like that. It was just something that I enjoyed doing, that's all.

PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

Jim Moran has announced Hamilton basketball for the last 11 years.

Q:Did you have any another career aspirations?

A:My main aspiration when I got out of school was to just do something that I enjoyed, and that had to do with athletics. Going to work at the race track was an exciting thing. I didn't know I would be there for more than thirty years, but it was something I can honestly say looking back that I have enjoyed since the beginning. The announcing part of the job is what keeps me going. I do the publicity and public relations work, but what I enjoy is climbing up to the booth every night calling the races.

Q:Are there any announcers that have influenced you in someway?

A:I'm primarily a harness racing announcer and so there have been a couple announcers in that sport . . . My uncle who was at Vernon Downs was probably the biggest influence on my career. There are a couple of other announcers that I've listened to who I know are good announcers, and that I have probably taken some things from. Other than my uncle I wouldn't say there is anybody that I have really tried to follow or imitate.

Q:What is your perspective on this season's team?

A: Fran D'Agata '95 has been a very exciting player to watch and I can't believe he is a senior already. It has come and gone so fast. Fran has been going through a little bit of a slump but he keeps doing the things that he has to do to be a leader. Scott Pace '96 is playing a different role this year. I think he deserves a lot of credit. He has given up his shooting responsibilities and concentrated on being a better playmaker. He has helped out on the defensive end, averaging about five rebounds a game. Erin McCann '95 steps up when he needs to. He had a nice comeback from the first half in the game against Skidmore. I know sometimes that Matt Stowell '95 has had trouble with opposing players who are bigger or stronger but he keeps battling and he does the job. Joe Mrozienski is kind of small to be playing in the position that he is, but again, he has developed into the type of player that does what he has to do to win. . . Not only have I enjoyed watching the kids play through the years but I have gotten to know them and they have been a great group of kids to be around. They never give you any kind of problems and they treat you with respect. They make you feel that you are an integral part of the program and those are the things that make me keep doing it year after year.

Q:How does this season's basketball team compare to those teams in the past?

A:I think this team — the key word there is team — I think that they play well as a team. I don't think they have the same talent perhaps that some of the other clubs have had. Of course there was the '90-'91 team that went undefeated in the regular season and then lost in the finals of the ECAC. That was a great team.

I have been very fortunate to see some great ballplayers come along. John Cavanaugh '87 who had a deformity in his right would have been a Division 1 player if it hadn't been for that. He was a truly All American player. He was fun to watch. Then came Mike Nelson '91 and Mike Smith '92. Nobody thought after Mike Smith left that we would have a decent team but then Steve Lemmer '93 came along. Lemmer just stepped in and the team didn't miss a beat. We had one of the best teams we ever had that year. Even after Steve graduated Chris Harper '94 was able to step in and do the same thing. We have been very fortunate to have good teams all the way long. I think a lot of it has to do with Coach Murphy. He is the type of coach that has found out what it takes to win and he keeps replacing the parts and they keep moving on. Who would have thought this year's team would have the record that it has at 16-5. They're going to be the first Hamilton team to go to the NCAA tournament. I don't think they have the same talent or the depth that these other teams have had but they are still doing the job.

Q: What do you think of the team's chances in the NCAA tournament?

A: The thing that worries me the most is their size and the depth. If they run into a team that has one or two big guys it will be hard to combat that. If they face [a team with] one big guy they can try to fight that, but if they play a team that has a couple of players that are 6'6" or so, then I think it is going to be a tough matchup for them. Depth wise if they run into foul trouble as they did against Utica in the first game of the season then that will be another problem they will need to deal with. Al Lewis '96 has done a good job coming off the bench and being a role player, but he doesn't have the height to match up with some of the teams that they may face. I think that they should be proud that they are going to the tournament. You can't win it if you are not in it, so we will see what happens.

Q:What is your perspective on the crowds at Hamilton games?

A:When I first started going to sporting events in this area about thirty years ago you couldn't get in these gyms. When I came to Hamilton games in the old gymnasium there was an electric atmosphere. You had to come early to the games. I use to cover the games as sports editor for the Oneida paper and even if you had a press pass to cover the game they wouldn't let you in. You would have to come at a quarter to six before the J.V. game even started. I think television has had a big influence and people's lifestyles have changed. Both parents generally work and they do not go out as much at night. As a result, it is too easy to stay home at night and watch your television or VCR. It's a shame that live sporting events do not get the attendance that they used to. It is awfully good basketball here. I think people are missing the fact that this is really good, inexpensive entertainment.

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This Week in Hamilton Sports

Sport	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.
Men's Basketball	Clarkson 8:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence 1:00 p.m.					NCAA 1st Round
Women's Basketball							
Men's Ice Hockey	Middlebury 7:00 p.m.	Norwich 3:00 p.m.					
Men's Squash	Team Intercollegiate Princeton 9AM						
Women's Squash							
Swimming	UNYSCSA 11:00 a.m.						
Track & Field	NYSWCAA 4:00 p.m.						

Indicates Home Game

Indicates Away Game

Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *The Garden Cafe Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely the free pizza with the works from *The Garden Cafe* and their picture in *The Spectator.*

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Sam Walker *Spectator Sports Editor* Last Week: 8-5 To date: 41-23	Brian Cohen *Associate Sports Editor* Last Week: 7-6 To date: 32-32	Trip MacCracken *Associate Sports Editor* Last Week: 4-9 To date: 36-28	Todd Monsell Freshman *Guest #1* Last Week's Guest: Dan Deblois '97 6-7	Mike Hjelmaker Freshman *Guest #2* Last Week's Guest: John Kowalczik '96 3-10
NBA					
Dallas at New Jersey 2/24	New Jersey	New Jersey	Dallas	New Jersey	Dallas
Utah at Portland 2/24	Utah	Portland	Portland	Utah	Utah
Sacramento at Washington 2/25	Washington	Washington	Sacramento	Sacramento	Sacramento
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St. John's at Villanova 2/25	St. John's	St. John's	Villanova	Villanova	Indiana
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Georgetown at Syracuse 2/26	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Georgetown
Virginia at Wake Forest 2/26	Virginia	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Virginia
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Hartford at N.Y. Rangers 2/24	New York	New York	New York	Hartford	New York
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders 2/25	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
Washington at New Jersey 2/25	New Jersey	New Jersey	Washington	New Jersey	New Jersey
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo 2/26	New York	New York	New York	Buffalo	Buffalo

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator.* Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

Stockton Reaches 10,000

Scorecard

Trip MacCracken

In The NBA: Does anyone really believe that Chris Webber will still be in Washington next season? An interesting rumor has Webber returning to his former team, Golden State, since coach Don Nelson is gone. Webber has lots of talent, but has yet to show much dedication or loyalty, both in college and the NBA. By the way, since the Bullets acquired Webber, they are 3-21... Who looks younger: Nick Van Exel or B.J. Armstrong? Tough call... Shaquille O'Neal commented that he and Anfernee Hardaway are the Kareem and Magic of the '90's. Not yet, you're not. Get some rings first, big man... Charlotte guard Muggsy Bogues proves that size isn't everything. Bogues, who stands only 5 feet 3 inches, leads the league in assist-to-turnover ratio, with just one turnover for every 5.9 assists... Meanwhile, Milwaukee rookie Glenn Robinson averages 3.9 turnovers per game, most in the league... Since winning 14 consecutive road games, the Jazz have lost 4 of 5 on the road... Utah guard John Stockton, meanwhile, reached yet another milestone last weekend when he became the first player in NBA history to record 10,000 assists... On Monday, three Hornets each attempted more free throws individually than the Bulls entire team. Larry Johnson, with 13, Alonzo Mourning, with 11, and Hersey Hawkins, with 11, outgunned Chicago, which had 10 as a team. Not surprisingly, Charlotte won the game, 115-104... On March 22, the Celtics will retire #35 in memory of Reggie Lewis, who died of a heart ailment in 1993...Knicks' coach Pat Riley commented that his team was the most undisciplined he has had in 15 years. Pat, cross the river and try your hand at coaching the Nets. Then you'll know what undisciplined is really all about...

In The NCAA: How about the Virginia Cavaliers. After the loss of guard Corey Alexander, the team appeared to be in trouble. Surprisingly, though, Virginia has moved to within shouting distance of the Top 10, as Harold Deane and Curtis Staples have picked up the slack. Wednesday night, the Cavs went to Atlanta and beat Georgia Tech 83-60... Providence coach Pete Gillen says that Georgetown freshman Allen Iverson is "spectacular." Iverson scored 26 points Monday, as Georgetown upset Villanova, 77-52. If he avoids his past troubles, Iverson will be one to watch for years to come. He has great vision and quickness, and of course, he's a tremendous playmaker. Iverson's main problem, at this point, is his tendency to force bad shots. Once he learns to control his game, he will control the game... Recently, it seems that being crowned #1 in men's hoops is a jinx. Whoever's there isn't there for long. North Carolina and Kansas are the most recent to occupy #1 and lose in a hurry... Wake Forest has announced it will retire the jerseys of Randolph Childress and Rodney Rogers... Colgate's Adonal Foyle is fourth in Division I in rebounding, and third in blocked shots, averaging 12.8 per game, and 5 per game, respectively... Imagine, if you will, how good the Michigan Wolverines would be this year had the entire Fab Five remained in school... A mere 20 days until March Madness... USA Today College hoops writer Steve Wieberg is getting ready for the tournament. He picked the NCAA Men's field, as it would look if he were making the selections. Wieberg's #1 seeds are UConn, Kentucky, UNC, and UCLA. His #2 seeds include Kansas, Maryland, UMass, and Michigan State...

In baseball: Say what you will about having responsibility for your job, but I think you have to respect Sparky Anderson's refusal to manage replacement players... If you need any evidence to prove how much damage alcohol and drugs can do to a person, check out this week's *Sports Illustrated*, in which the downfall of former Met stars Darryl Strawberry and Dwight Gooden is chronicled. Strawberry speaks of the '86 Mets team which won the World Series, and alleges that, "If we wouldn't have partied so much, we would have won more. We had a team full of drunks." What really hits home is the fact that both Strawberry and Gooden appeared to be on the road to the Hall of Fame in the mid-1980's. Now, almost 10 years later, their careers have swerved into the proverbial ditch, as they succumbed to temptations which neither could escape...

Miscellaneous: Mike Tyson will be released from prison on March 25. On his release date, Tyson will have served 3 years of a 6 year rape sentence. Tyson has agreed to perform 400 hours of community service, but has yet to announce when he will return to the ring...

Quotables: Golden State's Rony Seikaly, analyzing his team's trades this season: "You've traded (Chris) Webber for Donyell Marshall and some other players. It's really weird. You could've gotten a lot more." Seikaly wins points for honesty, but certainly won't make management happy with comments like that... Denver's Reggie Williams, likening his team's disappointing season to a troubled train: "We've taken a big step backward. We've got to get back on the right track, because we've jumped track." Watch out Reggie, your team is about to hit a lottery pick... San Antonio center David Robinson, after beating Houston with the winning dunk Tuesday with 2 seconds left, "Leaving me open was a huge mistake" No kidding... And finally, Tennessee basketball coach Kevin O'Neill, whose team has been plagued by injuries, "Our bench is kind of like a video store on Saturday night. There aren't a lot of choices."...

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Men's Hockey splits another weekend road trip, beats Trinity and falls to Connecticut College

By Rick Pizzo '96
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The men's ice hockey team split yet another pair of games this past weekend, with a victory over Trinity and a loss to Connecticut College. Coach Phil Grady stated before the weekend that the team would have to win three of its last four games to control its own playoff destiny. Thus, Saturday's loss to Connecticut College proved costly for the Continentals. Nonetheless, Grady was happy with the way the team played in both games, particularly in the team's 5-1 victory over Trinity.

On Friday night, Hamilton shut down any offensive attack that Trinity may have had with aggressive forechecking and strong physical play. The Continentals skated well as a team, building up a 3-0 lead in the first period that forced Trinity to play "catch up hockey." The Bantams were unable to get back into the game, for Hamilton refused to let down with the lead, which pleased Grady immensely. Brian Green '96, owner of the softest hands in the league, scored twice to pace the Continental attack. Single goals were produced by Devin Sullivan '96, Joe Baudo '97, and Sean Brady '96. Joe Mucha was solid between the pipes and and has assumed a solid hold of the number one goaltending position.

Against Connecticut College on Saturday, Hamilton faced the most underrated team in the league. Although Conn. is mired at the bottom of the E.C.A.C. standings, this was not evident in their 4-2 victory over the Continentals. They are one of the most penalized teams in the league, yet they stayed disciplined, taking only three penalties and frustrating the Continentals. Grady stated, "the team was focused and concentrating well, but the calls just did not go our way." Captain Bob Simonds '95, and Shawn Kelly '95 scored in the losing effort. Kelly had an excellent four point weekend, leaving him only six points shy of the 100 point club. Kelly upped his season point total to 33 (7 goals, 26 assists), and if the team makes the ECAC playoffs, he has an outside chance of breaking the single season record for assists (40).

The upcoming weekend is of utmost importance to the Continentals postseason chances. With two wins, Hamilton will be virtually guaranteed a playoff spot, but a split will force Hamilton to get outside help. Lloyd Polanish '96, who has missed the last three weeks due to a separated shoulder, should return to the ice this weekend. He has practiced this week and Grady says, "Lloyd is skating as well as he was before the injury."

Polanish will be needed in the Continentals' battle against Middlebury. The Panthers are presently ranked #1 in the N.C.A.A. East and E.C.A.C. East polls, and have been dominating their opponents. Grady says the team will approach the game with much the same attitude as they did against Babson and Salem State, and hope that the result is also the same. Middlebury is averaging seven goals per game, so the Continentals must play tough defensively. Hamilton must not get caught chasing Middlebury around, or else, says Grady, "it will be a long night."

Saturday's opponent is Norwich University, a team which has an outside shot at the last playoff spot in the E.C.A.C. If Norwich beats Williams on Friday night, they will be fired up for their game against the Continentals. Hamilton can not allow a let down after Friday's nights game with Middlebury. Norwich started off badly this year but has been hot since returning from Christmas break. They are primed for revenge against the Continentals, who scored with :30 left in the game to escape with a 6-5 win in Vermont last year.

Fan support will be crucial this weekend, as it will most likely be the last two home games of the year for the team. Bob Simonds, Shawn Kelly, Paul Wilson, and Carl Greenhous could potentially be playing their last games of their careers in Hamilton uniforms. Make sure to be at the Sage for great hockey action this weekend. Game times this weekend are 7:00 P.M on Friday and Saturday at 3:00 P.M.

Trivia Time

Send entries in Campus Mail to Spectator Sports. Winner receives choice of 4 Utica Blizzard tickets or a pizza.

It's not about winning the prize, it's all about beating Sam Walker!

Last Week: Out of 6 entries received, the winner was Matt Roventini '96! Congrats!!
Last Week's Answers:
1. Michael Jordan
2. Darryl Strawberry
3. 0
4. Larry Nance

This Week's Questions:
1. Which NHL hockey team holds the record for consecutive playoff appearances?
2. What year did Dwight Gooden win the Cy Young Award?
3. What Hamilton men's basketball player finished in the top 15 in division III in assists during the 1993-1994 season?
4. Who is the all time leading rebounder for the Portland Trail Blazers?

Women's Track heads to States

By Samuel M. Walker '96
SPORTS EDITOR

This weekend nine members of the women's Indoor Track and Field team will travel to Fredonia, New York to represent Hamilton in the State Championship competition. Entering this end of the season event, the Continentals hold a 3-3 record in dual meets. Head Coach Ellen Hull has this to say about her team competing at the States, "We are a very young team which is trying to build experience for the future. If we can surpass last year's team total of 6 points, then the States will be a success."

The nine Continentals who will be competing this weekend had to meet specific qualifying standards. According to Coach Hull, "the qualifying standards were by no means easy."

Tiffany Chappell '98 and Jen Cooper '98 will challenge for the title in the 55m dash. Chappell will also represent Hamilton in the 200m dash. In the 400m, Nikki Gowan '96 and Jenna Kowzerowitz '98 have earned the right to compete. Tami Koch '96 is Hamilton's sole representative in the 800m. Cathy Michaels '96 and Brenda McCabe '97 will travel to Fredonia to compete in the 1000m and 1500m events respectively. Shanna McCloskey '96 will make her debut at the States in the High Jump. Finally, the team of Gowan, Koser, Koch, and Nelima Gaonkar '98 have qualified and will compete in the 4x400m relay.

To score points at the States, a qualifier must place in the top three in her respective event. Coach Hull says that Koch has the best shot of picking up points for Hamilton. Tami is currently ranked 3rd in the state in the 800 meter event. However, Hull is quick to point out, "everyone has a chance to place in the top three in their events."

Considering just two years ago, Hamilton only had one runner qualify for this prestigious competition, the team has come along way in a short time. This weekend at Fredonia, they hope to show this improvement to the rest of the state.

Women's Hockey falls short at U. of Vermont Tournament

By Rick Pizzo '96
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The women's hockey team went to the University of Vermont this past weekend in an attempt to win the championship in a tournament which included hockey powerhouses Middlebury, McGill, and Boston College.

The team made a valiant effort, giving it their best shot, but came up short offensively, falling to Middlebury 6-0 in the consolation game after an opening round loss to McGill by the count of 8-0.

Although the team could not quite get on track, especially in the offensive zone, Assistant Coach Dylan Ade '95, stated that " the girls played really well and they never gave up, but the competition was slightly over their head."

The team hopes to improve their record this weekend when they participate in the inaugural Williams Tournament, as seniors Allison Wandelt, Gretel Porcaro, and Lexie Goulard finish out their Hamilton College hockey careers.

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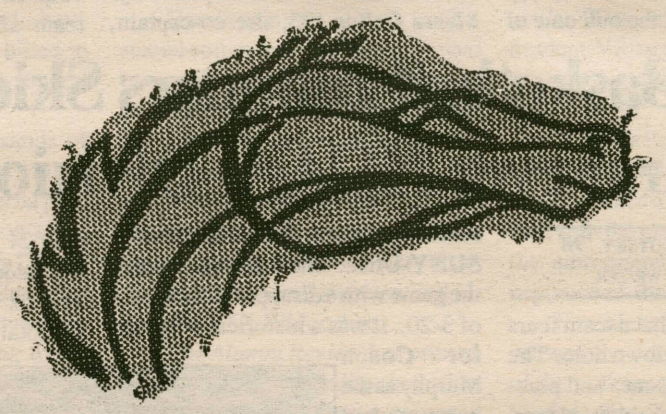

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Women's Swimming State Champs!

Win the New York State Women's Swimming and Diving Championships for first time

By Todd Monsell '98
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The scene was the Union College pool in Schenectady, NY. It was Saturday, February 18 and the third and final day of competition at the New York State Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. The outcome looked bleak for the Continental swim team, who had brought a 7-2 record into the meet. Despite turning Thursday's 25-point, second place deficit into a 1 1/2 point first place lead over host rival Union, the final morning's preliminaries found many Union swimmers placed in the all-important finals to be held that night. Coach David Thompson remembers that Hamilton prospects,"looked extremely grim" and actually predicted Hamilton to fall prey to Union by a substantial 40 points.

However, the Hamilton swimmers proved him wrong, compiling an incredible 1077.5 points, literally blowing 2nd place Union (1045.0) and 3rd place Ithaca (710.0) out of the water, and giving Hamilton its first ever women's swimming state championship. The team finished 3rd in last year's state meet. Coach Thompson was understandably pleased, calling the 32.5 margin of victory over Union and 16 other Division III New York schools "fantastic." Hamilton also won 11 total events, 8 individual, and 3 relays. Thompson explained, "Given my initial feelings about the outcome of the meet, winning was that much sweeter."

To what can be attributed this outstanding performance? The outcome amazed even Coach Thompson. "Many of our 3rd seeds came in first," he explained, "swimming as well as they had all year." He also noticed that "the better (Hamilton) did, the more other teams started to falter." Although Thompson believes, "Union had the more talented team," Hamilton was the most focused and the, "hungriest team there." Hamilton clearly showed up on Saturday to engineer the kind of win that, according to Thompson, "takes a lot of character and the right attitude." In retrospect, Thompson is not all that surprised that everything came together so well. However, it took outstanding efforts from several Hamilton swimmers to enable him to say that.

All-American Liz Sichol '96 led the way for the Continentals, winning Thursday's 500 freestyle with a time of 5:05.45. Sichol's 500 freestyle time shattered the NYSWCAA Championship and Association records. She also took 2nd in the 400 individual medley, 2nd in the 200 freestyle with a 1:56.79, and won the 1650 (mile) freestyle. Kate Quick '95, a co-captain of the team, lived up to her name, finishing 2nd to Sichol in the 500 at 5:09.32, 2nd in the 1650, and winning both the 200 and the 100 freestyle with times of 1:56.14 and 0:54.14, respectively. Maura Dalton '95, also co-captain, won the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:12.36 and placed 2nd in both the 100 butterfly (1:00.43) and the 400 individual medley (4:41.97). Wendy Marrs '97 refused to be outdone by her junior and senior counterparts, winning both the 50 and the 100 butterfly (:26.83 and 1:00.10) and the 50 freestyle (:24.68). Despite outstanding individual efforts, Thompson stressed that it was a total team effort that brought the state championship home to Clinton. He noted, "the spirit was excellent and it played a large factor in our success."

Next up for the Continentals are the Nationals, which will begin on March 10 at Wesleyan College in Middletown, CT. Making either the "A" or "B" cut are Sichol, Quick, Dalton, and Marrs as well as: Lesley Allen '97, Chrissy Weston '97, Ann Griffin '96, Maryann Steen '97, Tina Tynan '98, and Maura Gorman '98. However, due to a lack of funding at the meet, not all ten of these Hamilton swimmers will be able to go. As of press time, it had not yet been decided who was "in", as points were still being counted, but Thompson

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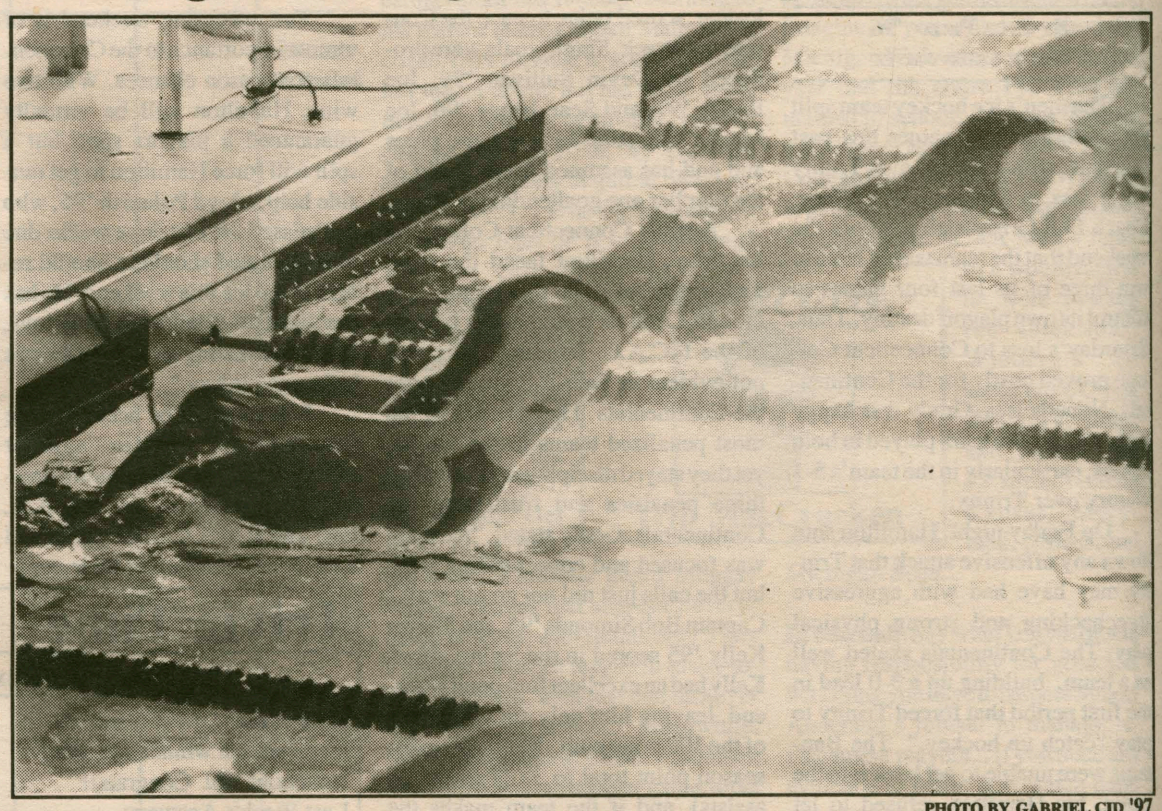

PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

The women's swim team turned a first day 25 point deficit into their first State Championship ever.

Men's Basketball conquers Skidmore and SUNY Utica, await first ever NCAA Division III tournament bid

By Mark Granovsky '98
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

It often happens that a team fears ending a season on a down note. The rigor of continuous games and practices can fatigue any healthy player. The Continentals avoided these possibilities with victories over the Skidmore Thoroughbreds (80-71) and SUNY-UTICA Wildcats (84-76). Hamilton is now 17-5 on the season, as well as holding an enviable second in the New York State East Region poll.

To maintain their standing, Hamilton needed to win last Saturday against Skidmore. The Thoroughbreds entered the game with a record of 13-6, a solid fifth in the New York State East. A Hamilton victory would guarantee a first round NCAA Division III playoff game at home for the Continentals. Hamilton's breakaway towards the end of the second half put aside any possible upset. Forward Erin McCann '95 led the Continental offense with 24 points, as forward Joe Mrozienski '96 led in rebounds with 12. This is McCann's fifth game as Hamilton's leading scorer. Guard Fran D'Agata '95 also contributed 16 points in the attack.

After the intensity of Saturday's game, Hamilton faced a somewhat easier game on Tuesday against SUNY-Utica. The Wildcats entered the game with a disappointing record of 3-20. It was a historical occasion for Coach Murphy as the game marked the first time he had faced an opposing coach who is a former player (Kevin Grimmer '81). Experience won the battle of "Experience vs. Youth" as the Continentals tamed the Wildcats. Hamilton produced leads of 43-35 at halftime and 64-44 with 13 minutes remaining in the second half. The offense became too much for the Wildcats and Hamilton cruised to another victory. McCann led Hamilton scorers with 18 points in 32 minutes. Forward Al Lewis '96 added to the Hamilton arsenal with a clutch 17 points and 9 rebounds in only 21 minutes. Guard Scott Pace '96 added 13 points and 6 assists. The six passes brought Pace's season total up to 112. The Continentals shot 42.3 percent (30/71) from the field and 70.4 percent (19/27) from the free throw line

One should not underestimate the 17-5 record of the Continentals. The offense is averaging 90 points a game ranking them 15th in the country. The defense is allowing a mere 81.5 points a game, as well as outrebounding the opposition 49.1 to 40.6, ranking Hamilton 16th in that category. All five starters are averaging over ten points a game and Mrozienski leading with 18.8 points per game.

The Continentals face the Clarkson Golden Knights tonight in the Bundy Field House. Clarkson is having a tough season, entering tonight with a fifteen game losing streak, as well as a 3-21 record. Hamilton defeated Clarkson earlier this year with a decisive 97-82 victory in the Rochester Classic tournament. Guard Justin Shope '95 and forward Brad White '96 lead the Clarkson offense with 15.6 and 12.0 points a game respectively. This is the final weekend of the regular season for the playoff-bound Continentals.

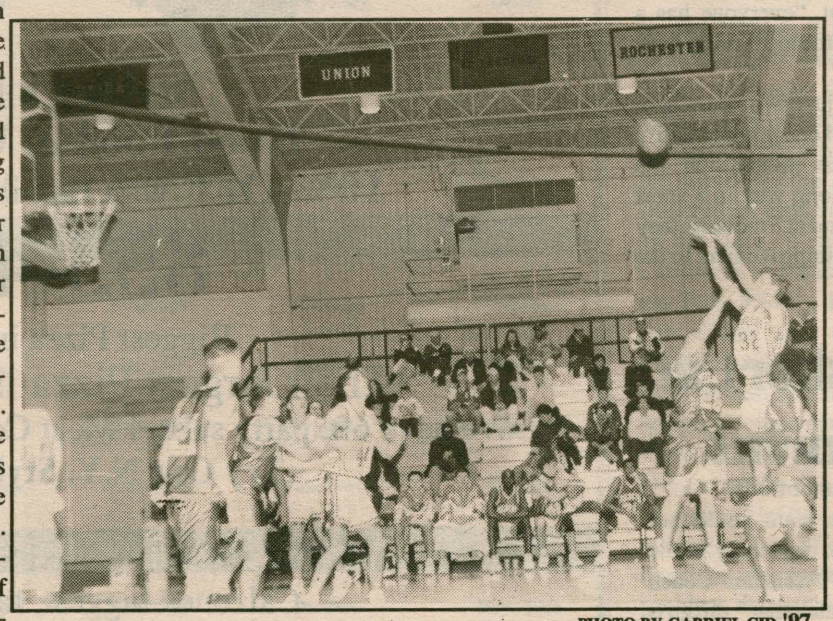

PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

Erin McCann '95 has stepped up his play in the second half of the season. McCann and his teammates finish up the regular season this weekend hosting Clarkson and St. Lawrence.

Results from Thursday's Men's Swimming State Championship at the Bristol Pool:

After the first day of competition, Hamilton is in first place. Jon Greene '95 is the only Hamilton winner thus far, winning the 500 freestyle, with a National qualifying time of 438:11.

Thursday's Leaderboard:

Hamilton	510 points
Union	493 points
Hartwick	326 points
R.P.I.	221 points
Ithaca	199 points

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